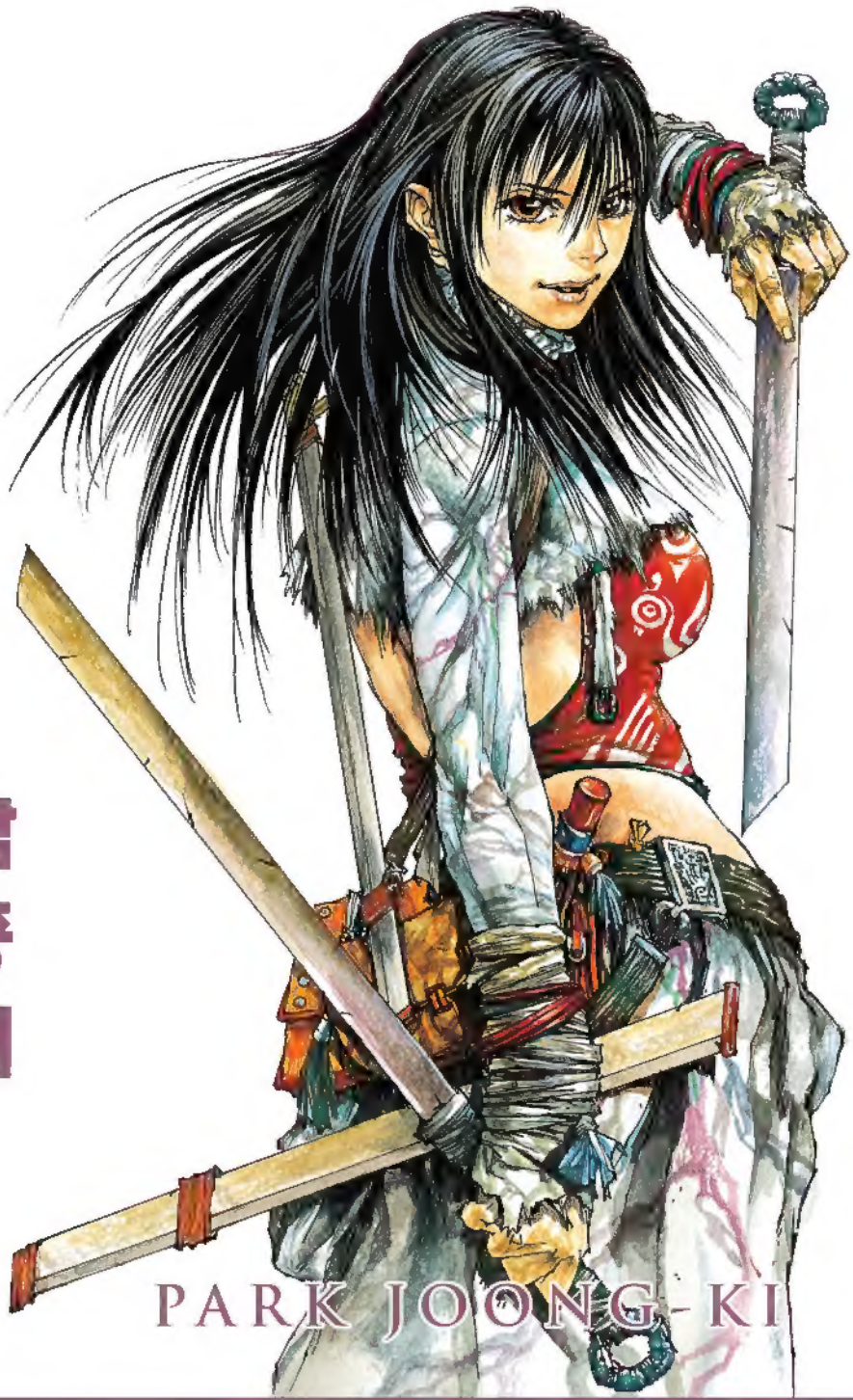
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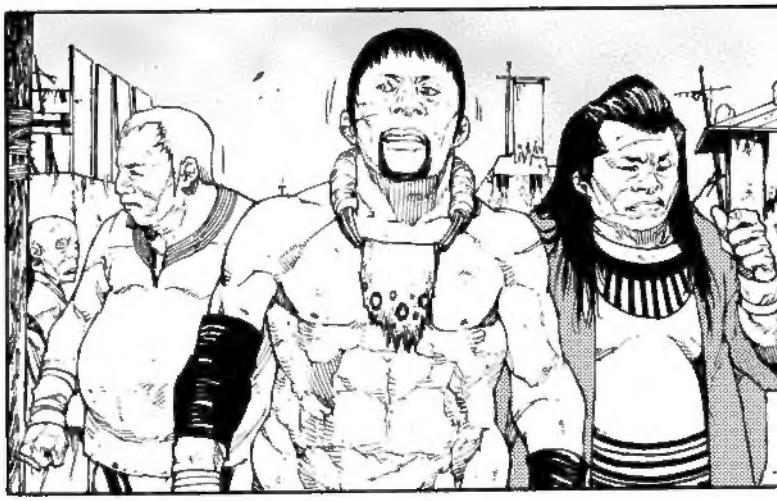
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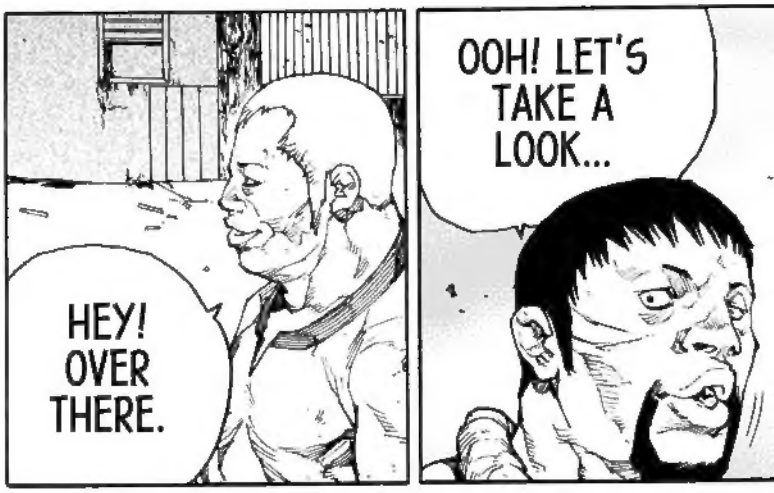
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웅성 CHATTER
웅성 CHATTER
HEY!
HEH HEH! LOOKEE HERE...
HM?
2
HOW 'BOUT A DRINK?
FWSH
HEY, WHAT--?!
HWF
척
YES, SIR...
WAITER! A JUG OF ALE!


OH, NO! NOT SHILIM THUGS AGAIN...AND HERE I WAS ALL RELIEVED THAT THEY HADN'T COME 'ROUND FOR A WHILE...
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
AW, DON'T BE LIKE THAT! COME ON... WHY DON'T WE DOWN A FEW TOGETHER?
3
BEAT IT! HOW DARE YOU RIFF-RAFF TALK TO MY LADY?!
SHILIM: KOREAN WRESTLING
HEY--YOU SEE ANYBODY TALKING TO YOU, MANATEE?!
POINT
...!
I'M TALKING TO THE LADY OVER HERE, NOT YOU!


HONGA.. DON'T BOTHER TALKING BACK TO THEM.
MY LADY...
LET'S JUST GO, HONGA.
?!
HEY!
GRAB 척
YOU THINK YOU CAN IGNORE ME 'CAUSE YOU GOT A LITTLE MONEY? YOU'RE NO BETTER THAN ME!
퍼 FWAP
4
GET YOUR FILTHY MEATHOOKS OFF O' MY LADY!
BAMM 퍽
.....
HEH 크
HEH 크
HEH 크
SLIGH 주르륵
TNKK 탁


WHO'S LAUGHIN'?! HUH?! SPEAK UP!
벌떡 TWIRL
5
WAS IT YOU?!
와락 GRAB
WHA--?! I'M JUST DRINKING, MAN!
ARRGH!
와장창 SKASH
ANYONE ELSE WANNA GIGGLE?!
우당탕 DASH
GET OUT! ALL O' YA!
씩 HFF!
씩 HFF!
HUH?


WHO THE--? *TOUGH GUY*, EH?
HEY! YOU DEAF?
I'M AFRAID I CAN'T LEAVE, AS I'M MEETING SOMEONE HERE. BUT FEEL FREE TO DO AS YOU PLEASE. JUST LEAVE THE LADIES ALONE.
HA HA HA! YOU A WARRIOR?
YES.
WHICH CLAN?
KHEE HEE HEE! SUIT YOURSELF. BUT WHO'S GONNA PROTECT THE CHICKIES? *YOU?*
SHFF
I'M SORRY, BUT I'M NOT IN THE HABIT OF CONVERSING WITH *TRASH*.


YES...
빙긋 GRIN


PUNK!!


AW, JUST DROP IT. YOU'LL BE IN A HEAP O' TROUBLE IF YOU'RE CAUGHT MESSING WITH A WARRIOR. DON'T BE A FOOL. LET'S GO.


RELAX! I WIPE MY BUTT WITH THESE FOOLS ALL THE TIME!
DON'T WORRY, A WARRIOR'S GOT WAY TOO MUCH PRIDE TO TELL ANYONE THAT A LOWLIFE BUTCHER WHOOPED HIS POMPOUS ASS!


AIN'T THAT RIGHT?!
슈 SHOOO 웅


SWSH 샥


HUH ?!

WHAT THE--?!

쌔 TMP

앵 TMP

KTINNG 촤

WHTT 앗

HRK!

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부 VOOM 웅 DIE!

BASH 빠악

DAMN!

ERRGK!

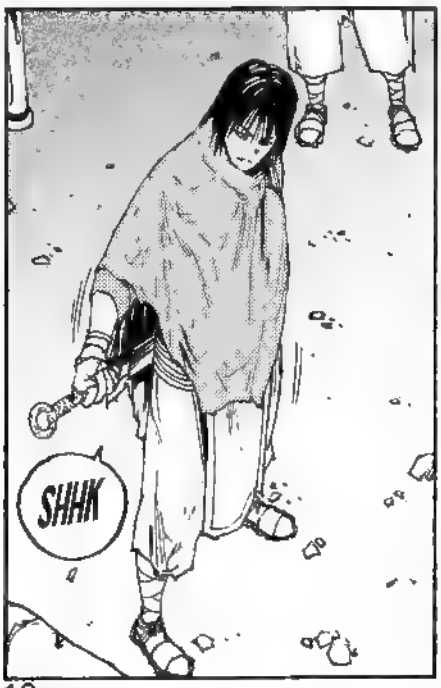
GRAAH!

THAP 빠

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THWAP 빡


FWMP
털썩
WHOA...


SHHK




YES. MY NAME IS *YATILLA*, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE MANUTU WARRIORS.


ANOTHER MANUTU WARRIOR CAME EARLIER AND TOLD ME YOU'D BE WEARING A RED CAPE, SO I FIGURED AS MUCH.


ARE YOU FROM MANUTU?


SO HORAKAAN IS ALREADY HERE?
YES.
I'LL FILL YOU IN ON THE DETAILS ONCE I'VE ESCORTED YOU TO YOUR LODGINGS.
LADIES...THIS ISN'T THE SAFEST PLACE TO BE LOITERING. PLEASE BE CAREFUL.
WELL, THEN...
BOW
꾸벅




THINGS ARE MOVING ACCORDING TO PLAN, COMMANDER. THEY SHOULD HAVE ARRIVED AT THE KUGAI BORDER BY NOW.
SSK


YAKI, FORMER CAPTAIN OF THE ASSASSINS AT THE BUTCHER CAMPS, SIR. YOU CAN TRUST HER SKILLS.

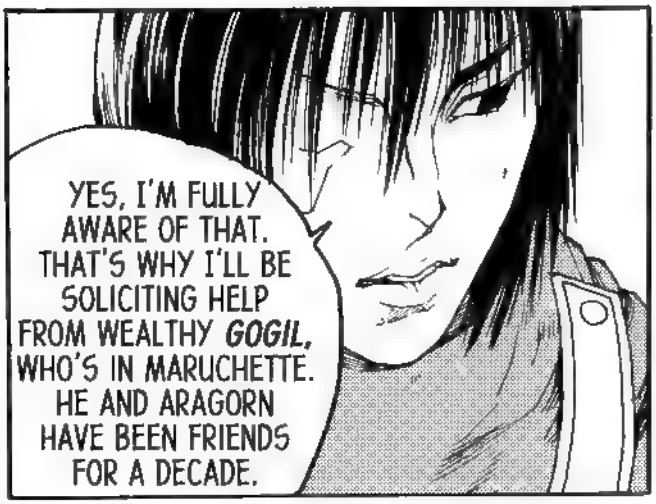

WHO IS BATU WORKING WITH?


YAKI...?
DID YOU SAY YAKI?
YES, SIR. IS SOMETHING WRONG?

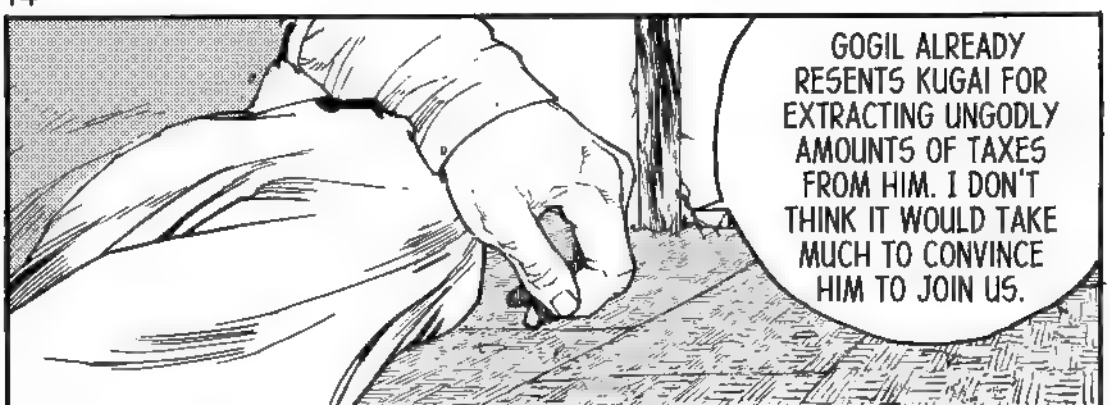

NO... NOTHING.
ANYWAY... IT'S ALMOST TIME. ONCE THE GENERAL IS ASSASSINATED, WE MUST STRIKE KUGAI BEFORE THEY HAVE A CHANCE TO REORGANIZE. HOW IS OUR RESERVE FORCE IN MARUCHETTE SHAPING UP?
IT WON'T BE HARD TO BUILD UP AN ARMY IN MARUCHETTE. WE CAN EASILY ROUND UP TWO OR THREE-HUNDRED SHILIM FIGHTERS AND ASSASSINS.
THAT SHOULD BE ENOUGH.
BUT WHO AMONG THEM WOULD SACRIFICE THEIR *LIVES* FOR MANUTU?


THE BUTCHERS WILL DO ANYTHING FOR MONEY. GIVE THEM ENOUGH, AND THEY'LL JUMP INTO FIRE WITH A BUCKET OF OIL.

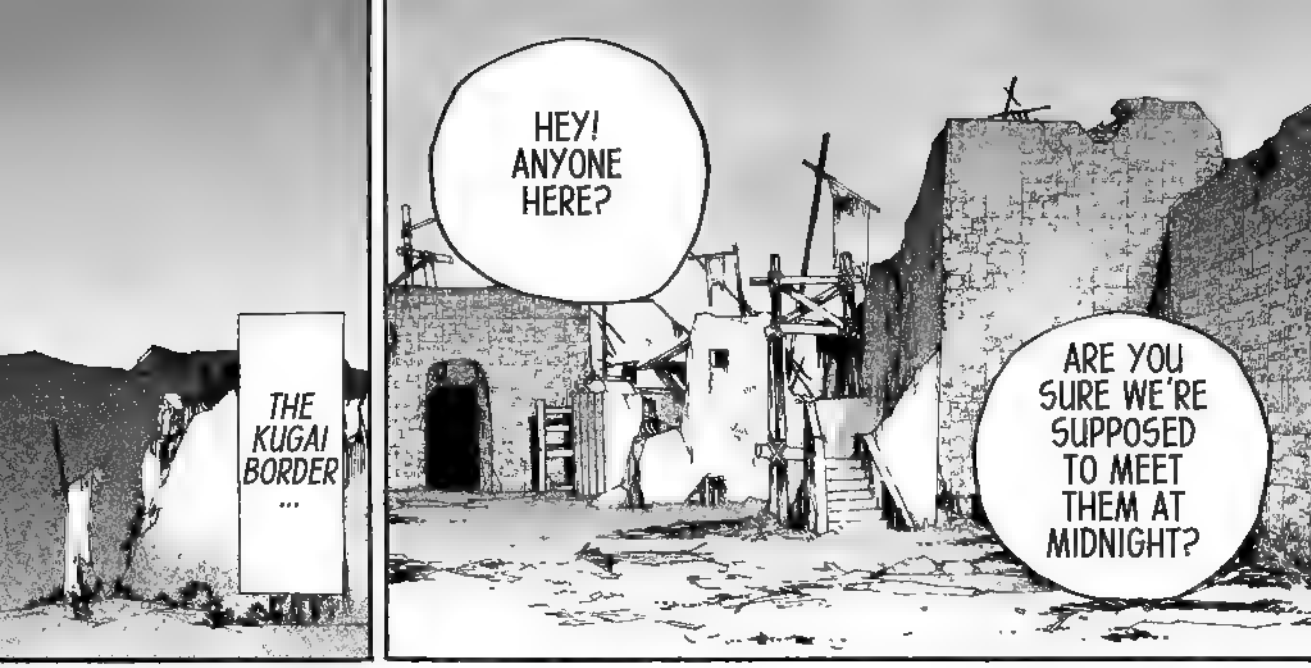

TRUE--BUT THAT MEANS WE NEED A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF MONEY.


YES, I'M FULLY AWARE OF THAT. THAT'S WHY I'LL BE SOLICITING HELP FROM WEALTHY *GOGIL*, WHO'S IN MARUCHETTE. HE AND ARAGORN HAVE BEEN FRIENDS FOR A DECADE.


YOU DON'T MEAN THE GOGIL WHO RUNS THE WRESTLING STADIUM? WOULD SUCH A CUNNING BUSINESSMAN INVOLVE HIMSELF IN SOMETHING LIKE THIS WITHOUT ANY PROFIT?


GOGIL ALREADY RESENTS KUGAI FOR EXTRACTING UNGODLY AMOUNTS OF TAXES FROM HIM. I DON'T THINK IT WOULD TAKE MUCH TO CONVINCE HIM TO JOIN US.


BUT EVEN IF WE SUCCEED, WE'LL STILL NEED MORE MONEY TO REBUILD THE GOVERNMENT.
YES, BUT IF WE DEFEAT KUGAI, MARUCHETTE WILL FINALLY BE RECOGNIZED AS A CLAN UNDER ITS OWN RULE.
SO FROM THEN ON, ALL THE MONEY MADE IN MARUCHETTE WILL *STAY* IN MARUCHETTE, MAKING IT--AND GOGIL--VERY PROSPEROUS.
TOMORROW, I'LL GO TO THE WRESTLING PAVILION AND TALK TO GOGIL. YOU TWO PREPARE YOURSELVES TO MOBILIZE AT ANY MOMENT.
YES, SIR.
SO THIS IS THE SON OF ARAGORN... HIS INNER STRENGTH IS UNDENIABLE... JUST THE WAY HE SITS BELIES HIS FORMIDABLE HERITAGE...


THE KUGAI BORDER ...
HEY! ANYONE HERE?
ARE YOU SURE WE'RE SUPPOSED TO MEET THEM AT MIDNIGHT?


YUP.
SO I GUESS THEY HAVEN'T ARRIVED YET, HUH?
DAMMIT, WHY AT THIS UNGODLY HOUR...?


≋SIGH≋ WHO DOES HE THINK HE IS--BOSSING US AROUND LIKE THIS?
HEY, HEY! STOP TALKING! JUST THINKING ABOUT WHAT'S INSIDE THIS SACK IS MAKING MY KNEES WEAK.
NOT TO MENTION--
WHO--?!
휙
FWOOSH


퍽
WHAP
JEEZ...
BATU!
HOW THE HECK DO YOU MOVE SO QUIETLY WITH THAT GARGANTUAN BODY OF YOURS?
SO THESE ARE THE PEOPLE WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR ALL THIS TIME, BATU?


I THOUGHT THEY WERE MORE KUGAI SOLDIERS...
TMP
FWSH
ARE... ARE YOU YAKI? THAT LITTLE KID?
HUH? YOU KNOW ME?
DO I KNOW YOU?! BECAUSE OF YOU, GENJI--
KEEP BABBLING, AND I'LL SMASH YOUR TEETH IN!


EEP!
DID YOU BRING WHAT I ASKED FOR?


YEAH, YEAH... BELIEVE ME, I'M MORE THAN HAPPY TO GET ALL THIS MADNESS OFF MY BACK...
주섬
SHUFFLE
주섬
SHUFFLE
AND THE OTHER ONE?
HERE...
슥
FWSH
GOOD. NOW LEAVE. IF YOU SAY A WORD ABOUT THIS TO ANYONE, I'LL BURY YOU BOTH IN THE SAND.
RELAX... IT'S US...


HERE. TAKE IT.
CHKK
HUH? WHAT?
WOW! YOU'RE GIVING US ALL THIS?
TELL GENJI I SAID THANKS FOR ALL HER HARD WORK...
...AND SHE WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ME BOTHERING HER ANY LONGER.
GENJI? THE LADY THAT TOOK CARE OF ME WHEN I WAS A KID... DID SHE SEND THAT BACK-PACK TO ME?
GOT IT! I'LL BE SURE TO TELL HER.


WELL THEN, TAKE CARE.


YAKI.
FROM HERE ON, WE'RE IN *KUGAI*. BE ON YOUR GUARD.
WE MUST SUCCEED IN THIS MISSION... BUT FOR US, NOT FOR MANUTU.
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT, BATU?
OF COURSE, BUT WHAT'S OUR JOB HERE?
FOLLOW ME.
WHAT IS THIS PLACE ...?


YAKI...WHEN YOU WERE LITTLE...YOU LIVED HERE WITH MY MASTER...YOUR FATHER.
WHAT? MY... FATHER?


WHAT'S THE BLOODY RUSH?!
TP
다다다다
TP
TP
TMP
다
HE'S BACK!
WHO?!
THAT SHAMAN WHO LEFT WITH ARAGORN!
탁탁탁탁
TP
TP
TP
TP
WHAT?! THAT LITTLE BASTARD FROM MARUCHETTE ?!
THERE ARE NO OTHER SHAMANS IN THE AREA! I'M POSITIVE!
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE HIM! HE'S MUCH MORE POWERFUL NOW--I CAN FEEL IT! BUT FIRST, LET'S MAKE SURE IT'S HIM!
OKAY, OKAY! HOW MUCH FURTHER?!
NYAA HA HA! HE WON'T ESCAPE ME THIS TIME!
RIGHT IN FRONT OF US, AROUND THE CORNER...!


휙
SHAA
SHUT 타앙
HE'S INSIDE.
THAT'S GOGIL'S PLACE...SHOULD WE WAIT 'TIL HE COMES OUT AND AMBUSH HIM?
WE CAN'T MAKE A MISTAKE LIKE LAST TIME. LET'S ALERT THE MASTER FIRST.
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GRIN
KHEE HEE HEE! ALL RIGHT. IT'LL BE WORTH THE WAIT. THIS IS GOING TO BE FUN...



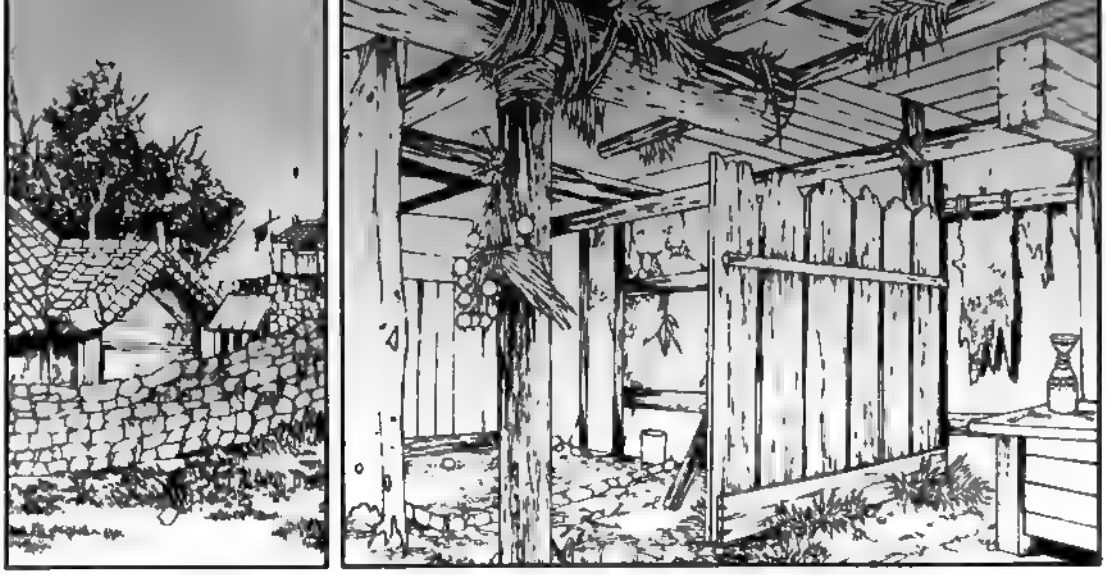

HUH HUH HUH! I'M THRILLED TO BE NEEDED BY THE MANUTU CLAN!
YOU HONOR OUR CLAN WITH YOUR CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP, MY LORD GOGIL.
THE FEELING IS MUTUAL, COMMANDER.
AND I HOPE OUR RELATIONSHIP WILL CONTINUE INTO THE FUTURE.
CERTAINLY.
FATHER, I...
YES... FINE, FINE.


ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE YOU TO MY DAUGHTER. SHE'S SO SHY, THIS IS THE ONLY WAY SHE'LL COME FORTH...
COME ON IN. HEH HEH!
YES, SIR.
드르륵
SHHK


AHH!
SPRRT


YOU...FROM YESTERDAY...
HONGA, WHAT'RE YOU DOING OUT HERE?!
BOW
PARDON ME, MY LORD! AH...MY LADY, MY LADY!


AH...
HM? HAVE YOU MET MY DAUGHTER ALREADY ?
OH... REALLY?
IT WAS SIMPLY A COINCI-DENCE.
NO, NO, THAT IS FATE AT WORK. HEH HEH HEH! WELL, SAY HELLO, CHILD.
MY LORD, THIS WARRIOR RESCUED US FROM A PACK OF THUGS YESTERDAY.
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MY NAME IS *BOKARA*, SIR. I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR YESTERDAY. WE REALLY APPRECI-ATED YOUR HELP.
I AM *YATILLA*, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE MANUTU CLAN.
SUCH COURTESY. YOU'LL MAKE A GREAT LEADER SOMEDAY...




HM?


HUH?!
SHMP
벌떡
BA... BATU ?!


WHAT?
HWP
SIGH... NOTHING. IT'S NOTHING.
HOW LONG HAVE I BEEN ASLEEP?
SINCE EARLY MORNING. IT'S EVENING NOW.
REALLY? WHY DIDN'T YOU WAKE ME?
EVERYTHING'S ALL RIGHT. THERE WAS NOTHING ELSE TO DO BUT SLEEP. AND YOU'LL NEED IT, SINCE WE'LL BE WALKING ALL NIGHT.
30
OH, RIGHT.
HERE. CATCH.
HUH?
TK-EK


SHHNG
스릉
THAT SWORD WAS YOUR FATHER'S. IT'LL SERVE YOU WELL.
MY FATHER'S SWORD?
붕 VOOM
붕 VOOM
IT'S A LITTLE HEAVY...
YOU'LL GET USED TO IT.
OKAY...
FATHER...


...IT'S SUCH AN UNFAMILIAR WORD.
FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH HIS SWORD AND NAME, YAKI...

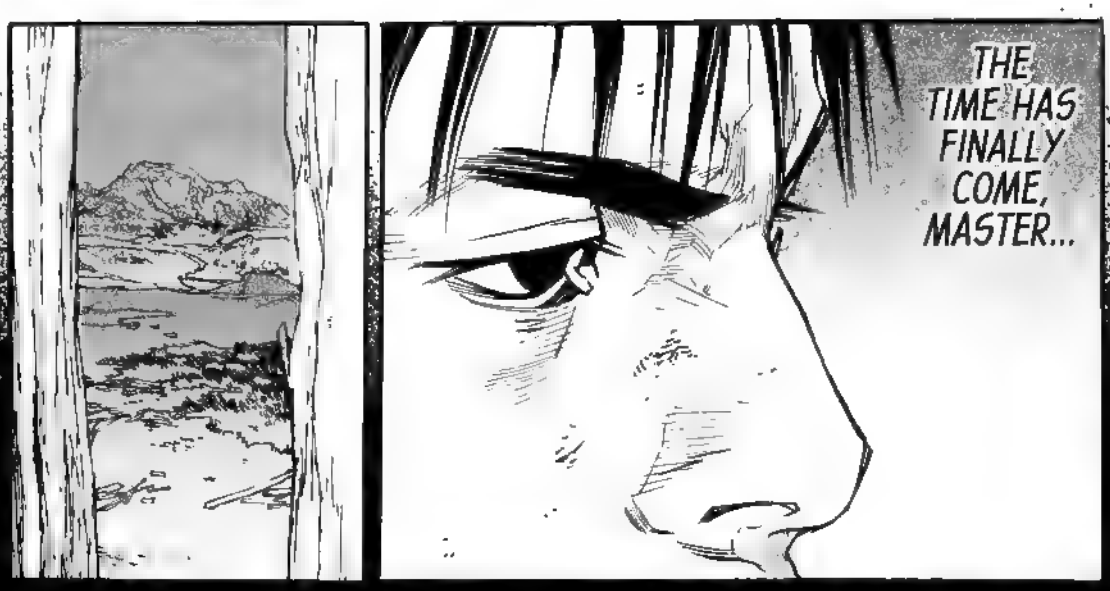

THAT NIGHT, BATU TOLD ME ABOUT MY FATHER... AND BATU'S PLAN TO ASSASSINATE THE KUGAI GENERAL.
IT WAS A LOT TO TAKE IN AT ONCE, AND I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO PROCESS EVERYTHING... BUT I KNEW ONE THING FOR CERTAIN.
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WHAT ARE YOU SMILING ABOUT?
I DON'T REALLY KNOW, BUT I'M JUST HAPPY THAT I CAN HELP YOU WITH SOMETHING.

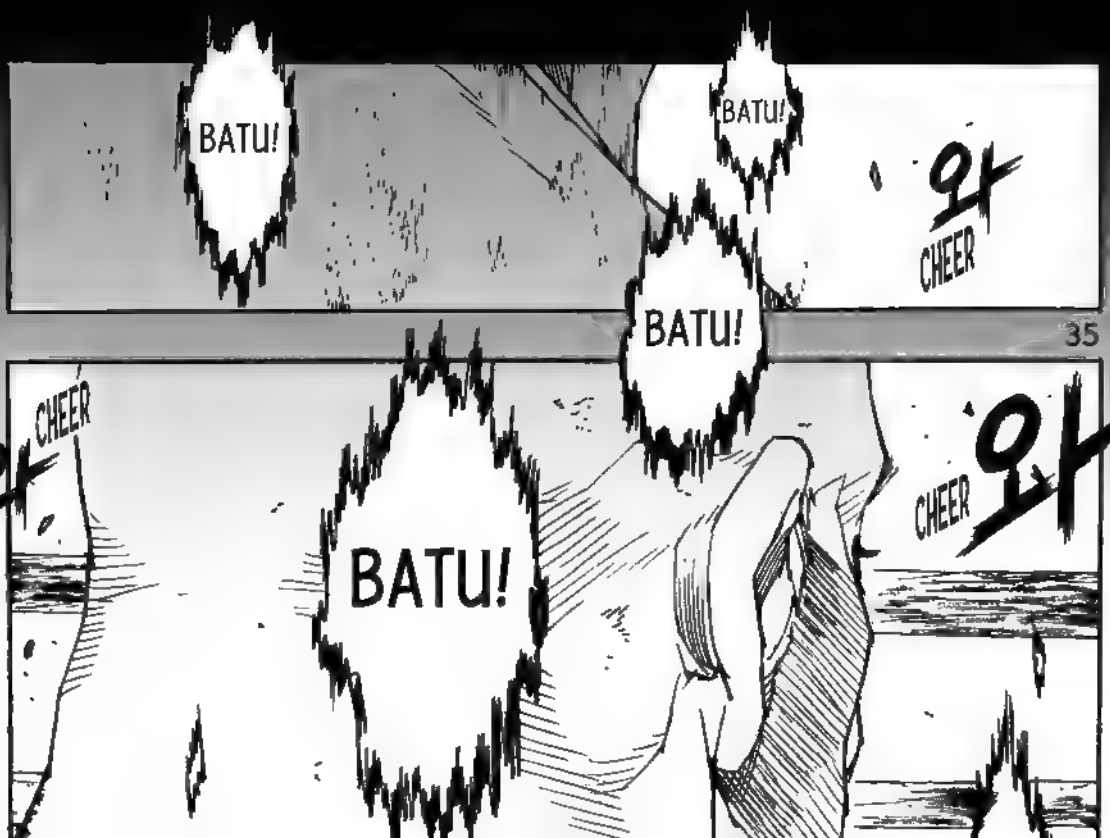

PSH! LESS SILLY JABBERING AND MORE SHUTEYE!
RIGHT.
OH, YEAH! SHOULD I MAKE A FIRE?
YOU WANNA LET THE WHOLE COUNTRY KNOW THAT WE'RE HERE?
THEN CAN I SLEEP AGAINST YOU? IT'S PRETTY COLD, DON'TCHA THINK?
.....


WHATEVER.
HEH HEH!
탁 TP
탁 TP
TP 탁
스르륵 SHK
THE ASSASSINATION OF THE GENERAL...THE TRUE STORY OF MY FATHER...NEJO, WHO I LEFT BEHIND... IT ALL WEIGHS HEAVILY ON ME...


...BUT TONIGHT, I THINK I'LL HAVE THE BEST SLEEP I'VE HAD IN A LONG TIME.



THIS IS NOT ONLY TO AVENGE MY MASTER...IT'S ALSO TO PUNISH THOSE WHO DESTROYED MY DREAMS.



CHEER
와아
CHEER
와
CHEER
와
YEEAAH!
BATU--THE DESTROYER !!
BATU!

CHEER
와
PULVER-IZE HIM!
WOO!
ALL RIGHT. YOU KNOW THE RULES! NO EYE GOUGING, HEAD-BUTTING, OR BITING.

CHEER
와
KILL HIM!

HURRY, HURRY! PLACE YOUR BETS HERE! BLUE BELT VERSUS RED BELT! SEVEN TO THREE!
BATU THE DESTROYER--FAVORED!
KILL HIM, BATU!
CRICK
CRICK
WAAH!
NO MERCY!
READY!

FIGHT
!!

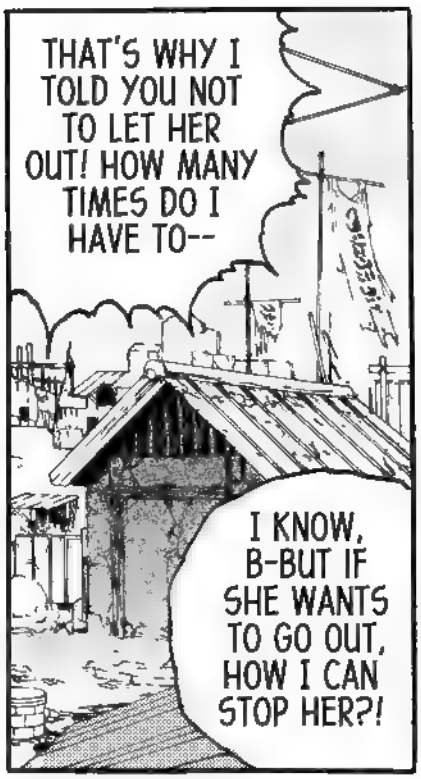
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THERE THEY GO!
CHEER
와아
퍽 BAPP
퍽 BAPP
퍽 BAPP
GO GET 'IM!
빡 THAP
40
HRRAGH!
파앗 THAM


과직 BASH
AAAGH!
ARRGH!
DIE!
퍽 KRAK
퍽 KRAK
HE'S WINNING!
빡 THAP
빠앙 WHAM
GET UP!
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POOM 퍽
POOM 퍽
GRAAGH!

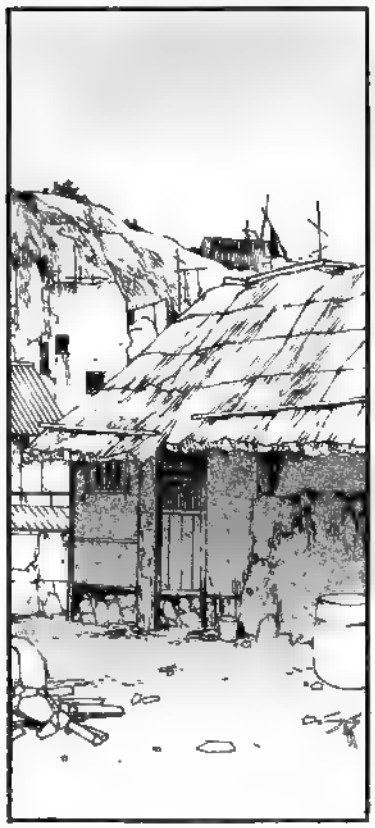

ENOUGH!
퍽
BAPP
와아아
CHEER
CHEER
BATU WINS!
허억
HFF!
HFF!
허억
STUBBORN FOOL...
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BATU, BATU!
G-GENJI'S BACK! BUT SHE LOOKS REALLY HURT! SHE'S AT HOME ON THE FLOOR RESTING!
HUFF! HUFF!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING HERE?!


THAT'S WHY I TOLD YOU NOT TO LET HER OUT! HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO--
I KNOW, B-BUT IF SHE WANTS TO GO OUT, HOW I CAN STOP HER?!


YOU BREAK HER LEGS, THAT'S HOW!
BAPP

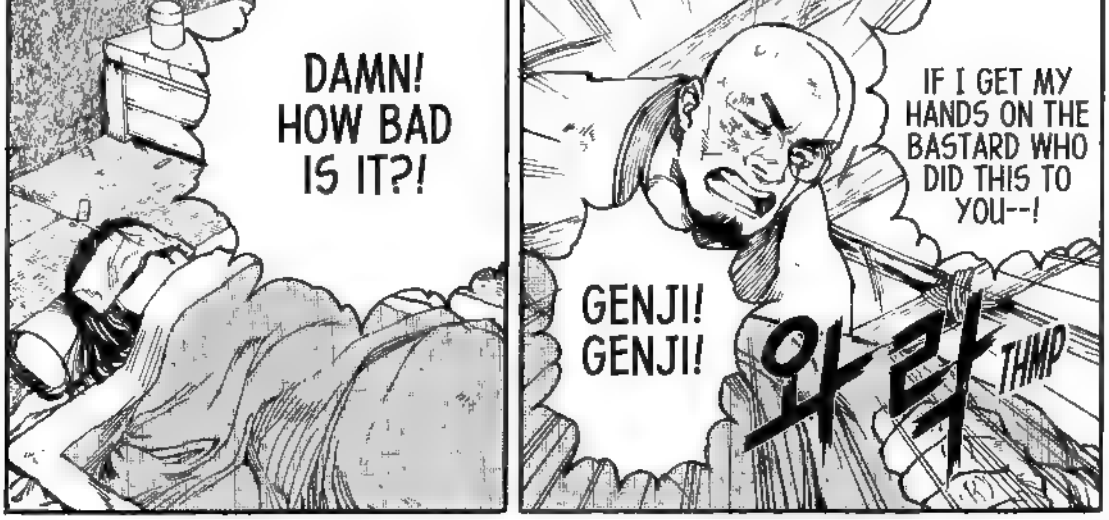

ERG!
I'M SURROUNDED BY FOOLS! FOOLS, I TELL YOU!

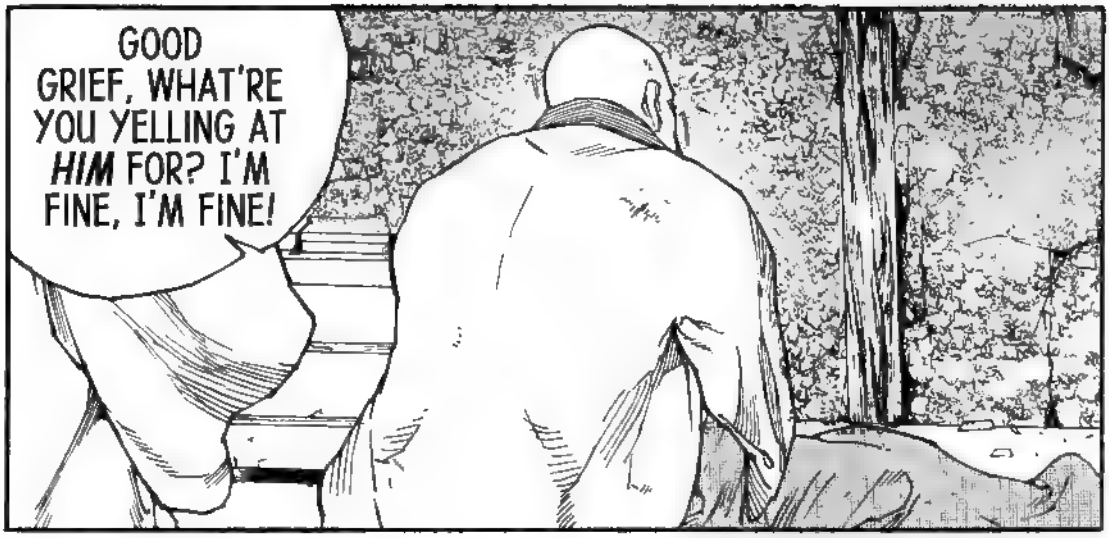

IF I BROKE HER LEGS, YOU'D BREAK MY LEGS! ≡WHINE≡




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HFF!
하아
HFF!




DAMN! HOW BAD IS IT?!
GENJI! GENJI!
IF I GET MY HANDS ON THE BASTARD WHO DID THIS TO YOU--!
와락
THMP


GOOD GRIEF, WHAT'RE YOU YELLING AT *HIM* FOR? I'M FINE, I'M FINE!




.....


THAT GUY SAVED MY BUTT AND BROUGHT ME BACK HOME.


EH?


WHAT'S THIS? WERE YOU CRYING?
N-NO!
I TOLD YOU NOT TO TAKE ANY MORE JOBS! YOU DO THAT ONE MORE TIME, AND I'M GONNA TEAR THIS HOUSE DOWN! Y'HEAR ME?!
REALLY? COULDA SWORN I SAW A TEAR ON--
SHUT UP!
SPIN
BUT IF I DON'T EARN ANY MONEY, HOW CAN WE PAY BACK OUR DEBT?!
I DON'T WANNA HEAR IT! JUST DO WHAT I SAY!
KUNK


EITHER RAISE THAT GODDAMN BEAM OR GET RID OF IT!
MAYBE YOU SHOULD JUST STAY OUTSIDE!!

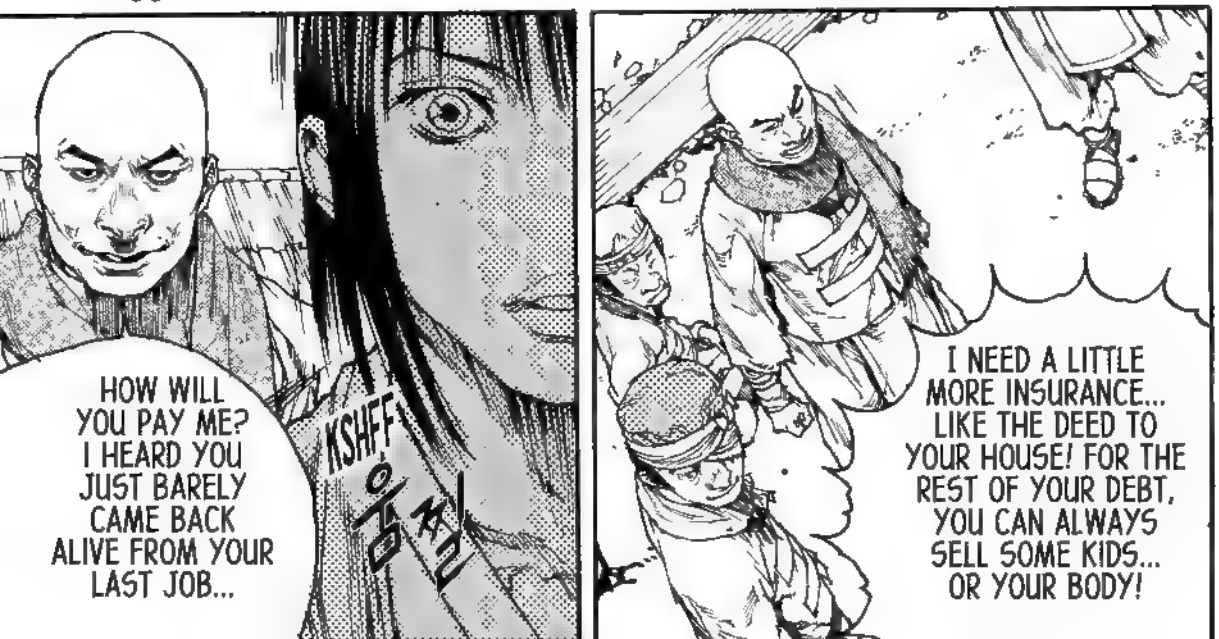

OF ALL THE STUPID--!
탕 KICK
SIGH...THE TEMPER ON THAT OAF...
46
W-WAIT! THAT WAS A MISTAKE! GIMME ANOTHER CHANCE!
SHUT UP, YOU IDIOT! COME BACK WHEN YOU GOT SOME MONEY!
바둥
SQUIRM
SQUIRM
바둥


LEGGO, DAMN YOU! DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?!
BIKAN!
SCRAM!
.....
YOU FOOLS! YOU JUST SIGNED YOUR DEATH WARRANTS! YOU HEARD OF BATU THE DESTROYER?! HE'S GOT MY BACK!
OH, MAN... I'M IN TROUBLE. IF HE FINDS OUT HOW MUCH MONEY I'VE LOST, I'M A GONER...
LOST YOUR SHIRT, HUH? NEED A LOAN?
HUH? YOU TALKING TO ME? HEH HEH HEH HEH...


GE... GENJI.
YOU IDIOT! YOU WENT GAMBLING AGAIN, DIDN'T YOU?
HEH HEH HEH!
UHH... UMM...WE'VE GOT A GUEST...
SHFF
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WELL, WELL! LOOK WHO'S ALIVE! LONG TIME NO SEE, GENJI...



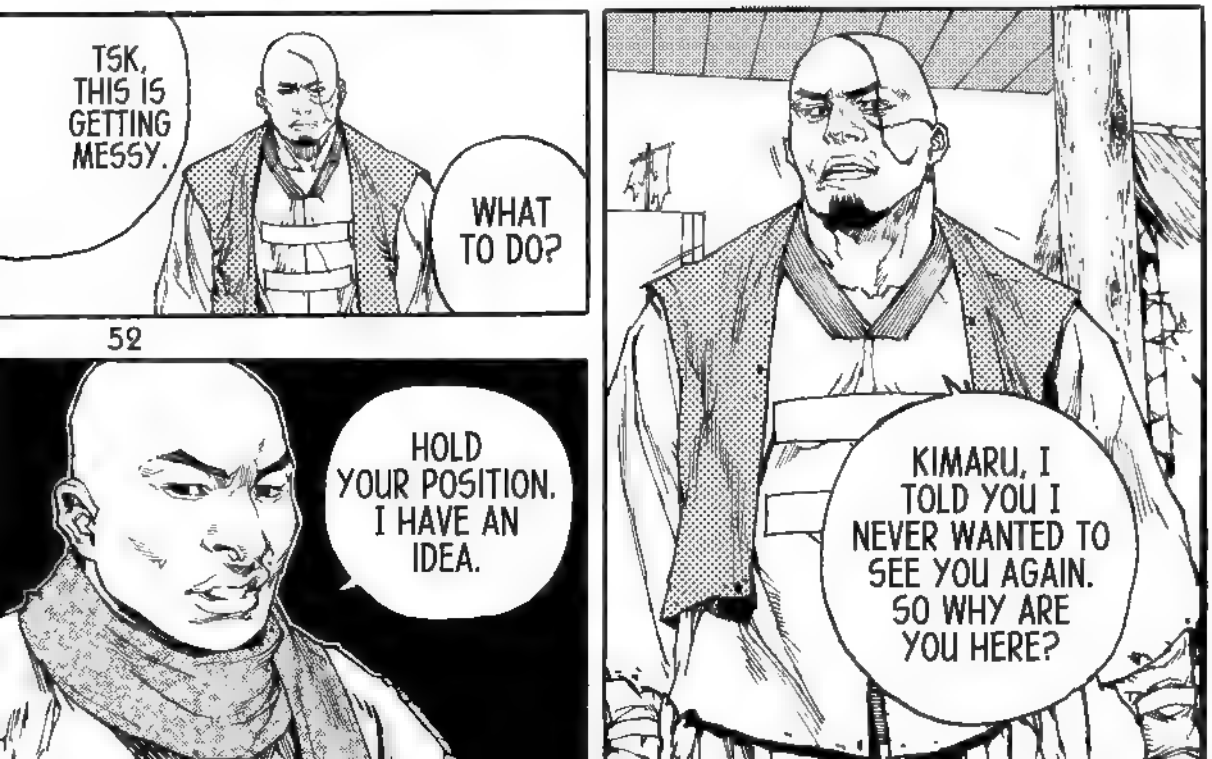

LOOK, I'M GOING TO PAY OFF MY DEBT ONCE I HAVE THE MONEY. YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO COME HUNTING FOR ME.
NO NEED TO BE SO COLD. I CAME LOOKING FOR YOU BECAUSE I CARE.
I SAID YOU'LL GET YOUR MONEY! NOW LEAVE!


HOW WILL YOU PAY ME? I HEARD YOU JUST BARELY CAME BACK ALIVE FROM YOUR LAST JOB...
KSHFF
I NEED A LITTLE MORE INSURANCE... LIKE THE DEED TO YOUR HOUSE! FOR THE REST OF YOUR DEBT, YOU CAN ALWAYS SELL SOME KIDS... OR YOUR BODY!


파밧
DASH
GO GET THE DEED!
WAIT! PLEASE! DON'T YOU TRUST ME?!
YOU'RE WORTHLESS. NO ONE WANTS AN ASSASSIN WHO CAN'T KILL. ONCE THE WORD GETS OUT, NO ONE WILL HIRE YOU.
SO YOU THINK I CAN'T KILL?
KTIK
SHK
SHFF


YOU SURE ABOUT THAT?
MESS WITH ME ONE MORE TIME, AND YOU WON'T HAVE THE CHANCE TO FIND OUT.
GULP


WAIT, HERE COMES BATU.
FEH!


TSK, THIS IS GETTING MESSY.
WHAT TO DO?
HOLD YOUR POSITION. I HAVE AN IDEA.
KIMARU, I TOLD YOU I NEVER WANTED TO SEE YOU AGAIN. SO WHY ARE YOU HERE?

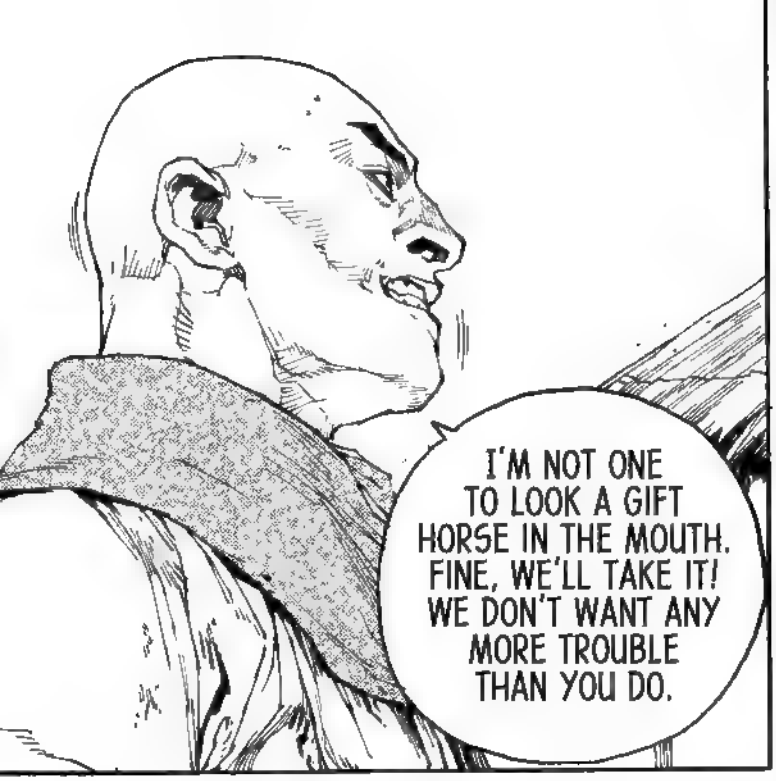

HELLO, BATU. I THOUGHT YOU'D BE BUSY WITH YOUR NEW FRIENDS RIGHT NOW.
WHAT'RE YOU TALKIN' ABOUT?
WHAT ?!
KHEE HEH HEH! I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN MEETING WITH KUGAI WARRIORS. SOMEONE WANTS TO BE A FANCY KNIGHT, EH?
HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT?
YOU DO REMEMBER THAT YOU'RE RESTRICTED TO BUTCHER TERRITORY UNTIL YOU'VE PAID OFF YOUR DEBT, YES? I'M SURE THAT HASN'T SLIPPED YOUR MIND...
BUT IT'S OKAY, I DON'T CARE THAT YOU'RE TALKING TO THEM. KNOW WHY?
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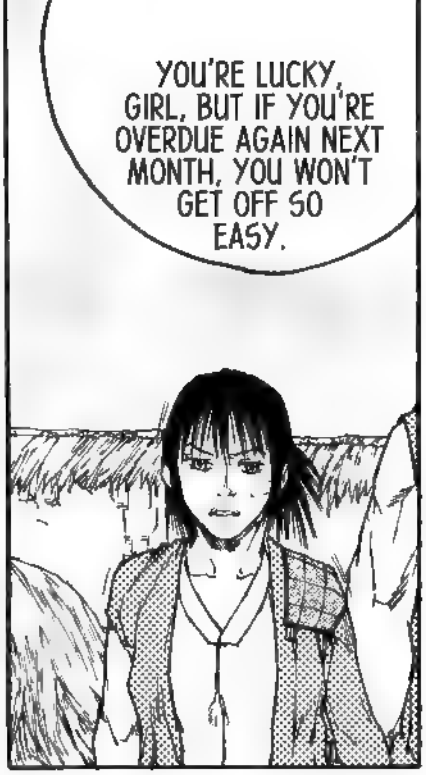

YOU BASTARD!
IT DOESN'T HURT TO REMIND YOURSELF THAT YOU'RE JUST A PIG IN A CAGE.
휙 FWSH
STOP IT! GOD KNOWS WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO YOU IF YOU LAY A FINGER ON HIM!
OOH!
KHEE HEE HEE! AW, MUCH OBLIGED, GENJI. NOW FOR THAT INSURANCE...
BRING ME THE DEED!
TP 타다닷 TP TP
HUH?


스으윽
TMP
WHO THE--?!
I'M AFRAID I CAN'T JUST STAND BY AND KEEP QUIET.
AND WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?

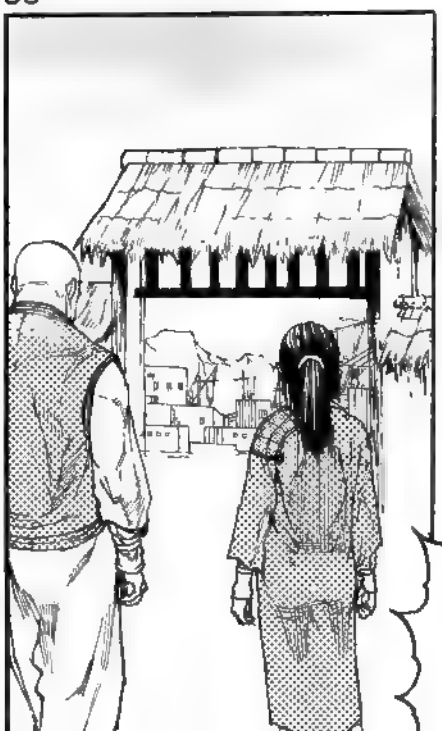

THAT'S NONE OF YOUR CONCERN. ANYWAY, I OWE GENJI A FAVOR. I ASSUME YOU WON'T CARE WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM?


FNPP 툭
IT'S ENOUGH, KIMARU... WHAT DO YOU WANNA DO?











AN OLD KOREAN TRADITION IS TO SPRINKLE SALT TO RID YOUR HOUSE OF THE BAD LUCK LEFT BY AN EVIL VISITOR




휙 GLARE


WHAT WAS ALL THAT ABOUT *KUGAI WARRIORS?!* THAT'S WHO YOU WERE MEETING WITH?!
YEAH! SO?!

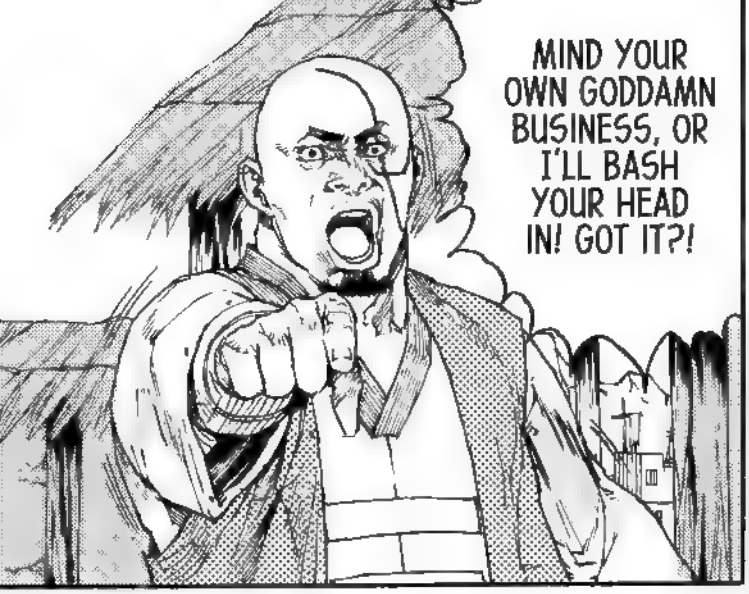

SO?! ARE YOU CRAZY? DO YOU THINK THAT KIND OF CLAN WOULD ACCEPT YOU?
SEE, IT'S THAT KINDA THINKING THAT KEEPS YOU LIVING LIKE THIS! YOU WANNA LIVE LIKE THIS FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE?!

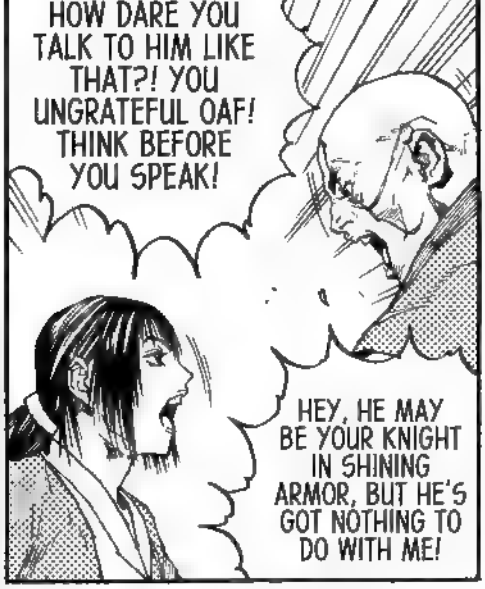

JUST STOP AND THINK REALISTICALLY ABOUT THIS!
SHUT UP!
파 POOM
악


I'LL DO WHATEVER THE HELL I WANT!


씩 HFF!
씩 HFF!


AND YOU!
휙 GRR


MIND YOUR OWN GODDAMN BUSINESS, OR I'LL BASH YOUR HEAD IN! GOT IT?!


HOW DARE YOU TALK TO HIM LIKE THAT?! YOU UNGRATEFUL OAF! THINK BEFORE YOU SPEAK!
HEY, HE MAY BE YOUR KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOR, BUT HE'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH ME!


SKTCH
SKTCH
HUH? WHAT'S THIS? LOOKS LIKE PAINKILLERS...BATU, DID YOU BUY THIS? AREN'T YOU WORRIED ABOUT BREAKING YOUR FINGERS?
IT'S JUST TRASH, YOU DUMBASS!
STOMP
STOMP


OW...


OHH... THERE HE GOES AGAIN...




KUGAI WARRIOR...

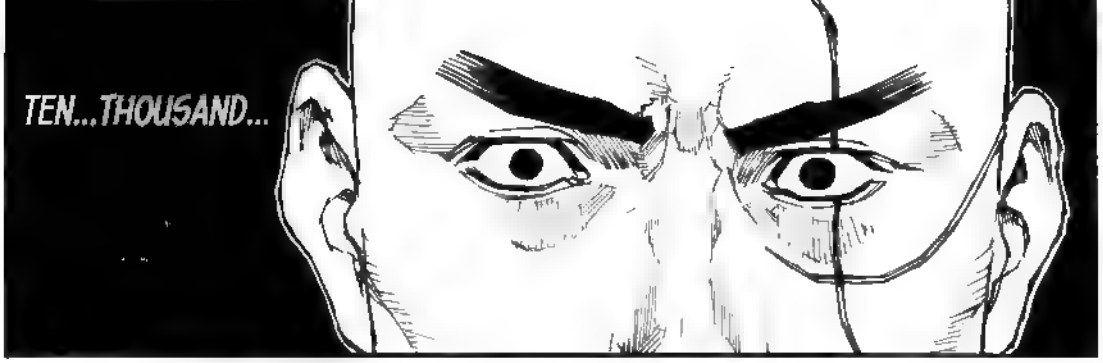

HYAH!
HUP!
HNGH!
딜커
KTIK
쾅
KWAM
HEY, SOMEONE CAME LOOKING FOR YOU! HE WANTS TO SEE YOU AT THE PUB!
I KNOW!


PMFF
퍽
퍽
WHMP
퍽
WHMP


YOU'VE SURE BEEN MOPING AROUND. JUST DON'T LET IT AFFECT YOUR UPCOMING MATCH, ALL RIGHT?
HUFF! 후우
HUFF! 후우

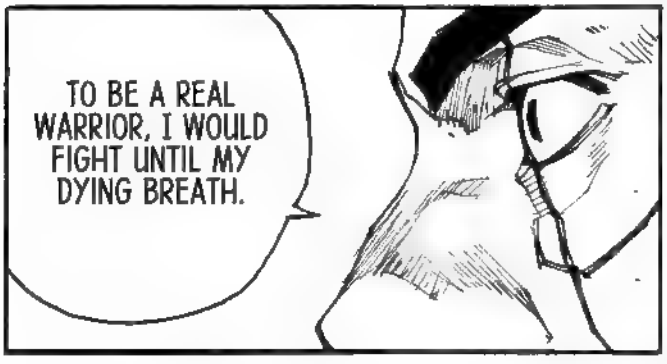

I SAW YOUR LAST TWO WINS, AND I CAME HERE BECAUSE I HEARD YOU WANTED TO BECOME A KUGAI WARRIOR.
YOUR STRENGTH IS UNDENIABLE WHEN IT COMES TO WRESTLING AROUND IN THE DIRT, BUT WE DON'T DIRTY OUR HANDS. A TRUE WARRIOR FIGHTS WITH HIS SWORD.
I CAN DO IT, SIR.
BATU, WAS IT?
YES...
HA HA! OKAY, WE'LL SEE. I ADMIRE YOUR GUSTO, AND I'D LIKE TO RECOMMEND YOU TO OUR CLAN.
BUT AS GREAT AS YOU MAY BE, I CAN'T HELP YOU TO JOIN WITHOUT A LITTLE... INCENTIVE.


A LITTLE SERVICE FEE, IF YOU WILL.
HA HA HA! NO BEATING AROUND THE BUSH--I LIKE THAT. LET'S JUST GET STRAIGHT TO THE NUMBERS, THEN. I'LL NEED AT LEAST TEN THOUSAND COPPER PIECES!
IF YOU COULD BE MORE SPECIFIC...


TEN...THOUSAND...

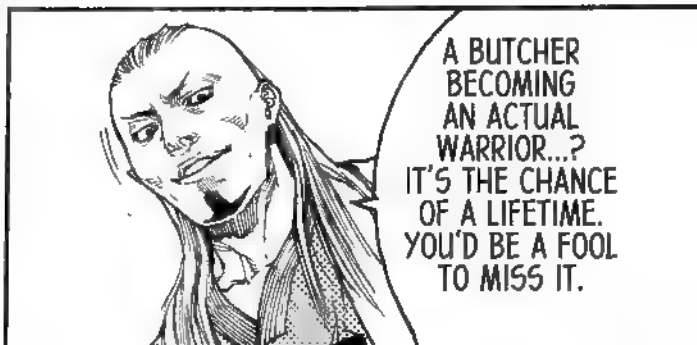

BUT OF COURSE I REALIZE YOU DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF MONEY LYING AROUND... BUT THERE'S ANOTHER WAY. I KNOW YOU HAVE A MATCH COMING UP IN A FEW DAYS...

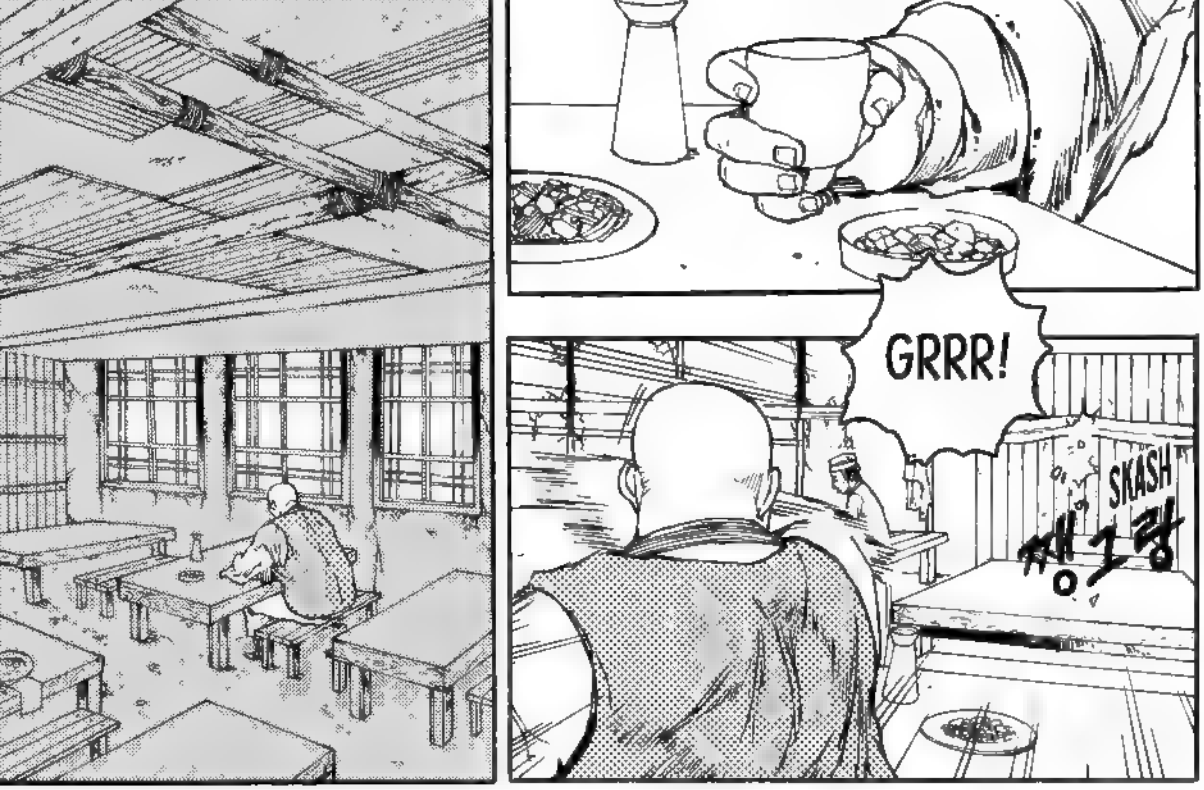

YES, YES. BUT THINK ABOUT IT. EVERYONE KNOWS YOU'LL PULVERIZE YOUR OPPONENT. SO IF YOU WERE TO LOSE, WHOEVER BET ON YOUR OPPONENT WOULD RAKE IN A SMALL FORTUNE, NO?

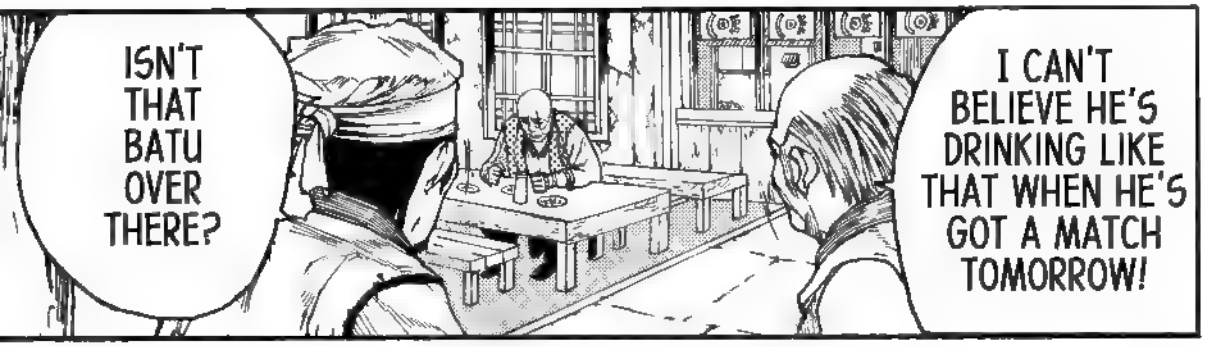

TO BE A REAL WARRIOR, I WOULD FIGHT UNTIL MY DYING BREATH.


SO... THEN...
THINK CAREFULLY ABOUT WHAT I'VE SAID. YOUR DREAMS ARE WITHIN YOUR REACH NOW.


SHIFF

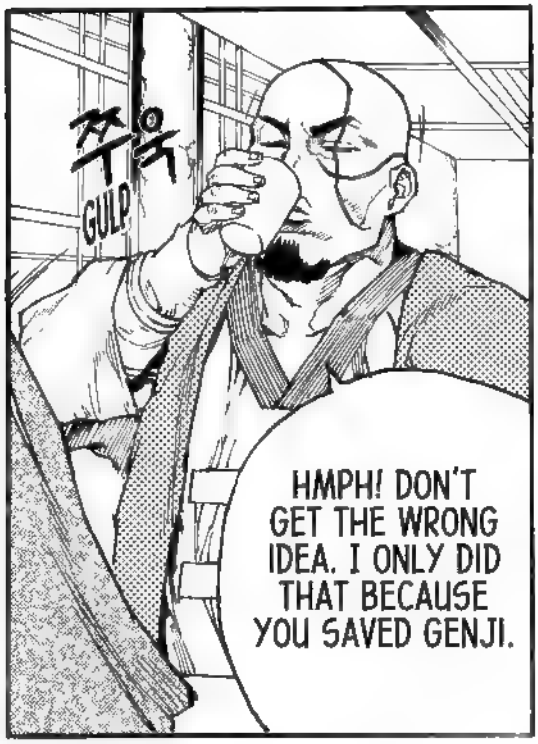

A BUTCHER BECOMING AN ACTUAL WARRIOR...? IT'S THE CHANCE OF A LIFETIME. YOU'D BE A FOOL TO MISS IT.


GRRR!
SKASH


ISN'T THAT BATU OVER THERE?
I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'S DRINKING LIKE THAT WHEN HE'S GOT A MATCH TOMORROW!


NEVER MIND. JUST TURN AROUND AND KEEP DRINKING! WE DON'T WANNA PISS HIM OFF...
YIKES...
SHFF
HM?
62
IS THAT FOOL CRAZY? HE MUST HAVE A DEATH WISH!


DRINKING ALONE?
THANK YOU FOR THE PAINKILLERS...


쭈욱
GULP
HMPH! DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA. I ONLY DID THAT BECAUSE YOU SAVED GENJI.


SO YOU WANT TO BE A KUGAI WARRIOR, HUH?


IT'S NONE OF YOUR GODDAMN BUSINESS. NOW SCRAM BEFORE YOU RUIN MY DRINK.
MNCH

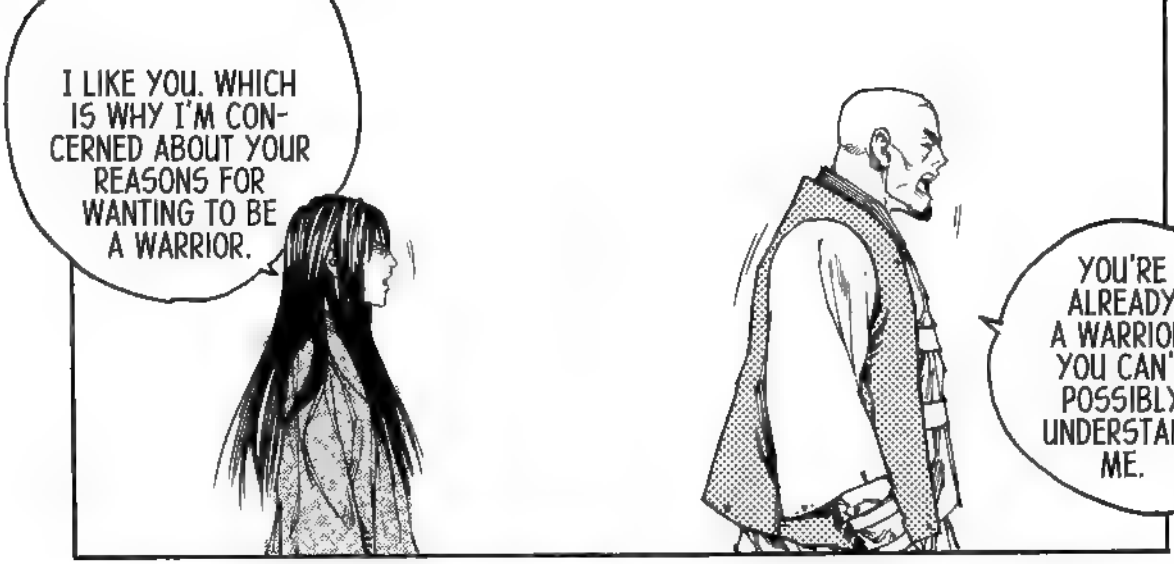

HA HA! WHY DON'T WE INTRODUCE EACH OTHER? MY NAME IS YARONG, KUGAI WARRIOR.
JOLT
푸짓

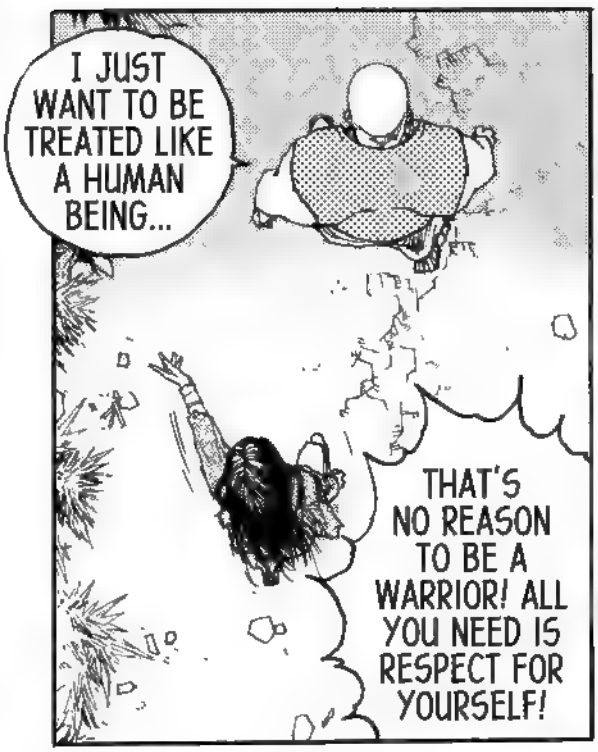

WARRIOR? IF YOU'RE LYING...
FWAP
탁

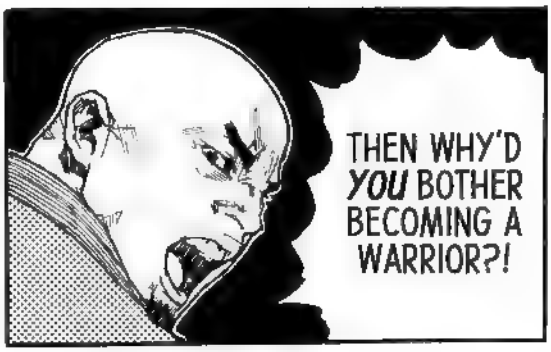

THE KUGAI SYMBOL ...?
PWAA HA HA HA! AND HERE I THOUGHT YOU WERE A REAL TOUGH GUY! IT'S A WHOLE NEW STORY NOW THAT YOU KNOW I'M A KUGAI WARRIOR, HUH?!
SO IT'S TRUE...
.....
WHATEVER, WE'RE GONNA BE FRIENDS EITHER WAY. C'MON, HIT ME.
AHH! THAT HIT THE SPOT!
TAK
I'M GONNA PULVERIZE YOU ONCE I BECOME A WARRIOR.
SLRRP
POUR
THAT'S GOOD.


WHY CAN'T I BE A WARRIOR?! I'M A MAN LIKE ANY OTHER! IT'S NOT FAIR!
WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A WARRIOR?
WHY?
I DON'T WANT TO COWER ANYMORE. I'M GONNA MAKE IT TO THE TOP...ONCE I'VE SET MY MIND ON SOMETHING, I DO IT! UNDERSTAND?
YOU CERTAINLY SOUND SURE OF YOURSELF.
DAMN TOOTIN'! I'M BATU THE DESTROYER! NOTHING CAN STOP ME!!


THEN WHY ARE YOU MAKING YOURSELF MISERABLE?
STOP
멈칫
WHAT ARE YOU BABBLING ABOUT?
WIN THE MATCH TOMORROW.
I'M SORRY... I JUST CAME BY TO SAY HELLO, BUT I OVERHEARD EVERYTHING.
ANOTHER WORD AND YOU'RE DEAD.


I LIKE YOU. WHICH IS WHY I'M CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR REASONS FOR WANTING TO BE A WARRIOR.
YOU'RE ALREADY A WARRIOR. YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY UNDERSTAND ME.


I JUST WANT TO BE TREATED LIKE A HUMAN BEING...
THAT'S NO REASON TO BE A WARRIOR! ALL YOU NEED IS RESPECT FOR YOURSELF!


THEN WHY'D *YOU* BOTHER BECOMING A WARRIOR?!


JUST HAD NOTHING BETTER TO DO, HUH?!


HEH HEH HEH...



I LIKE IT...THE WARRIOR'S LIFE.

I LIVE FOR THOSE WHO NEED ME...IT'S A WONDERFUL THING TO SACRIFICE MYSELF FOR THEM.

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HOW SHOULD I SAY THIS...?

I WANT TO LIVE LIKE A WILD FLOWER...BLOOMING ONE DAY AND GONE THE NEXT.

CUT THE CORNY HORSESHIT! THAT'S THE TALK OF SOMEONE WHO HAS EVERYTHING!

I WAS STUPID FOR TALKING TO YOU IN THE FIRST PLACE!

저벅 THMP

THMP 저벅

EVEN IF YOU MAKE IT, YOU WON'T BE A REAL WARRIOR... JUST A BUTCHER IMITATING ONE.

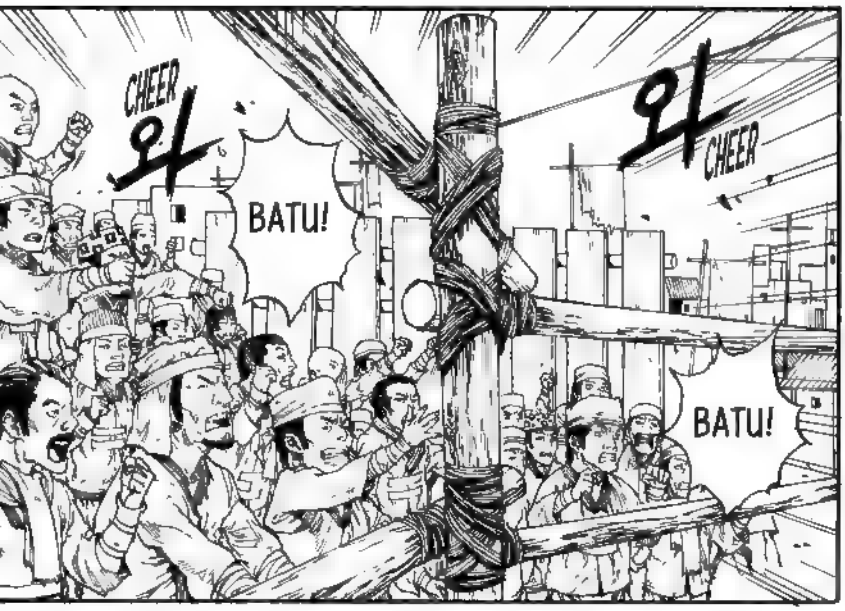
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WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT BEING A BUTCHER?! DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE IGNORED?! TREATED LIKE HUMAN TRASH?! HUH? DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT FEELS LIKE?!


I DO.
SHUT UP!
PAPP
I SAID-- SHUT UP!!
I UNDER-STAND. THAT'S WHY IT SADDENS ME TO SEE A GREAT MAN REDUCED TO THIS.
THWAP!

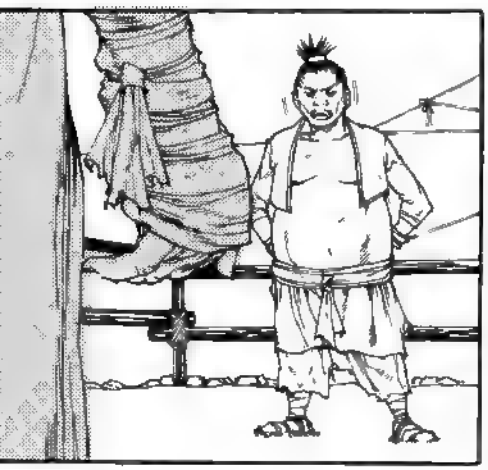


I KNOW EXACTLY HOW YOU FEEL.


CHEER
BATU!
CHEER
BATU!


BATU!






CHEER
KICK HIS BUTT, BATU!
CHEER
KILL HIM!


PART 4 / BATU, CHAPTER 4
와 CHEER
CHEER 와
ARE YOU REALLY THROWING THE FIGHT?
.....
KNOW WHY I'M A SHILIM FIGHTER? IT'S THE ONLY WAY I CAN TAKE MY ANGER OUT ON THE UNFAIR HAND I WAS DEALT. THAT'S IT.
THERE ARE OTHER WAYS.
NO! THERE IS NO OTHER WAY...
IT'S THE ONLY WAY I KNOW!


퍽
THAP
빡
BAPP
HYAH!
퍽
WHAP
KNEE
헉
WHAP
퍽
WHOOA!
콰
WHPP
BAMM
쟈
BATU LOOKS WEAKER!


퍽
THAP
HRAH!
AAGH!
빡
THMPP


I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER CHOICE.
휘릭
GRAPPLE


THROWING A FIGHT MEANS NOTHING IF IT IMPROVES MY FUTURE.
AFTER THIS...


...I'LL STAND ON TOP OF EVERYONE!
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CRRNNNCH

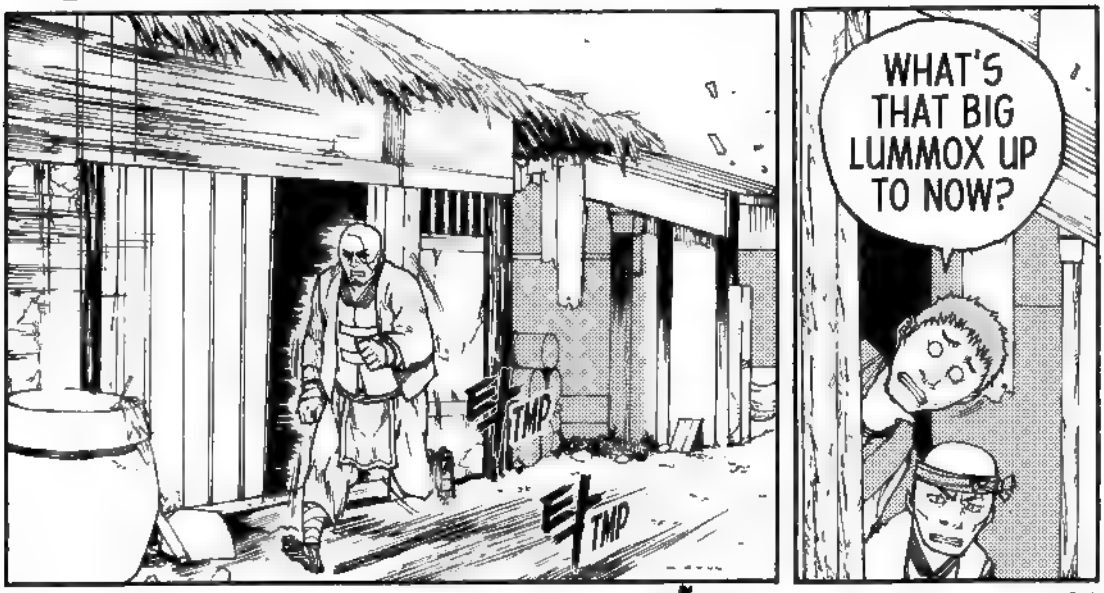

STOP! TIME'S UP!
THE FIGHT IS OVER!
BA... BATU HAS LOST!
FAINT 어질
MY... MONEY...

IT'S OVER. LET'S GO.
YES, SIR.
씨익 GRIN
우 BOO
우 BOO

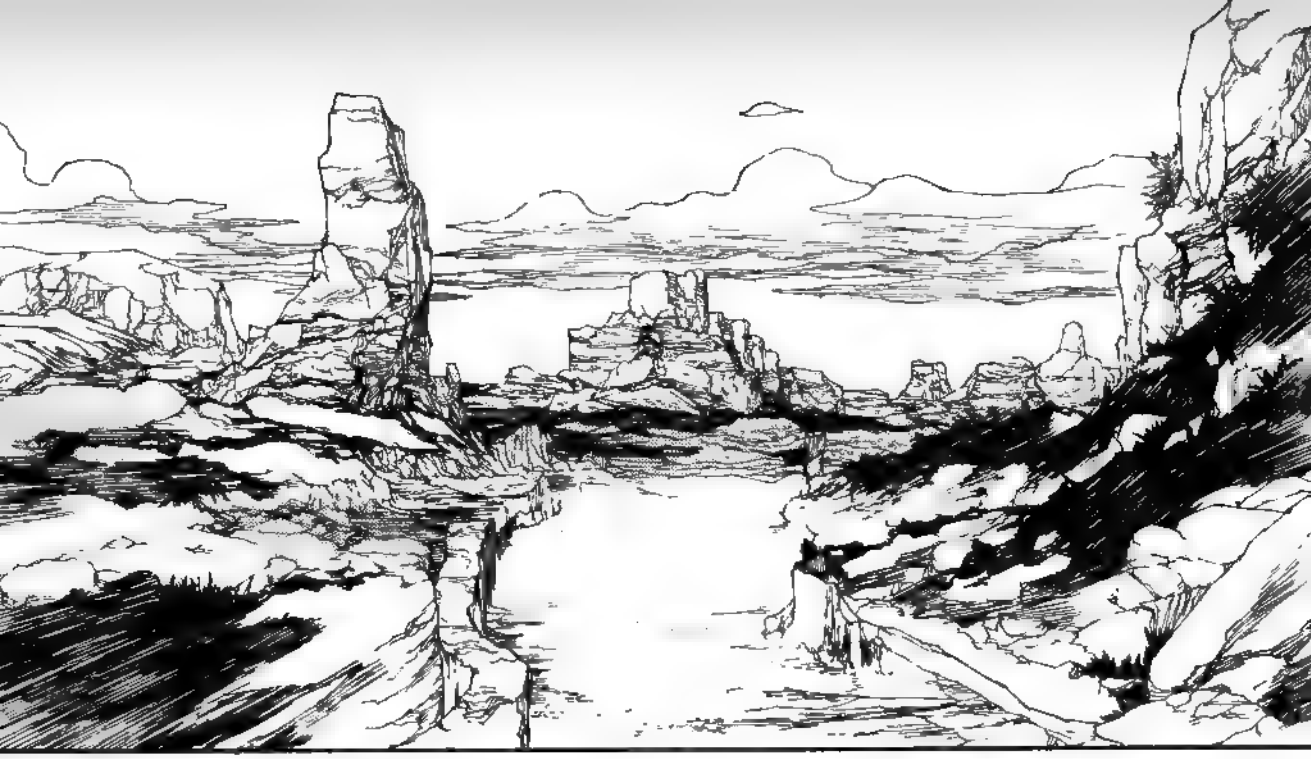
KNCH
KNCH
HM?!
I CAME TO SEE YOU BEFORE I LEFT. YOU FOUGHT HARD, BATU.
I GUESS I'LL BE SEEING YOU IN KUGAI, HUH?
스윽
FWSH
WHAT IS THIS...? PITY?
BMMP
DON'T SHAKE HANDS WITH A BUTCHER. YOU MIGHT NOT GET YOUR HAND BACK...


HEY! IF THE GUESTS HAVE ALREADY LEFT, START CLEANING!
YES, SIR...
I HEARD THE WARRIORS WHO STAYED IN THIS ROOM MADE A PRETTY PENNY BETTING AGAINST BATU...
I HEARD. SOME PEOPLE HAVE ALL THE LUCK...
DANG IT! I WISH I HAD FOLLOWED THEIR LEAD. LOST A HEAP ON THAT FIGHT!
IT LOOKS LIKE BATU'S REIGN IS OVER. I HEARD HE SLACKS OFF THESE DAYS, NOT REALLY PRACTICING VERY HARD...
MANAGER !!
KBAM
쿵
허억 HFF!
허억 HFF!
허억 HFF!
UH... B-BATU...


WHERE ARE THE WARRIORS ?!
I KNOW THEY'RE STAYING HERE! TELL ME THE ROOM NUMBER!
SNNCH!
와락
WH- WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
BOSS...I THINK HE MEANS THOSE KUGAI WARRIORS. THEY'VE ALREADY LEFT FOR KUGAI...
COUGH
컥
WHAT? THEY...THEY LEFT ALREADY? BUT...
COUGH
컥


TMP
타
TMP
타
WHAT'S THAT BIG LUMMOX UP TO NOW?


NO! IT CAN'T BE. HE'S A WARRIOR, AND HE HAS TO HONOR HIS WORD.
TMP
타
TMP
타
HE HAS TO.






HFF!
하아
HFF!
하아
WARRIORS, YOU PROMISED TO TAKE ME WITH YOU!


WHAT'S THIS?
I KEPT MY PROMISE, NOW YOU MUST KEEP YOURS.


PROMISE ?
OH, RIIIIGHT, YOU MEAN TO HELP YOU BECOME A WARRIOR?


HA HA HA! YOU CRACK ME UP. DID YOU REALLY THINK A BUTCHER COULD BECOME A WARRIOR?


I THOUGHT YOU WERE SMART, BUT I GUESS I WAS WRONG.
IT WAS HARD ENOUGH CONVINCING YOU TO THROW THE FIGHT. NOW JUST KEEP QUIET-- AND I'LL LET YOU LIVE.




HERE...
껄랑
KTCHING


BUT I UNDERSTAND WHERE YOU'RE COMING FROM.
SHUFFLE
뒤적
SHUFFLE
뒤적


YOU WOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN THAT MUCH EVEN IF YOU'D WON. SO TAKE IT AND SCRAM WHILE YOU'RE AHEAD.
ALL YOU BUTCHERS CARE ABOUT IS MONEY, RIGHT?
SPARK
TAKE YOUR CHANGE AND SHOVE IT!
챙
SHHK
YOU INSOLENT BASTARD! HOW DARE YOU--
챙
SHHK
YOU *WILL* TAKE ME WITH YOU!
YOU'RE A LITTLE BIG FOR A TEMPER TANTRUM, DON'T YOU THINK?


IF YOU'RE A TRUE WARRIOR, YOU *WILL* KEEP YOUR WORD.
YOU JUST DON'T KNOW WHEN TO QUIT, DO YOU?
SSSK
CAN YOU USE A SWORD?


HOW DO YOU EXPECT TO BECOME WARRIOR IF YOU CAN'T HANDLE A BLADE? YOU'RE JUST A WORTHLESS WRESTLER.
LET'S SHOW THIS FOOL WHAT I MEAN.


YAAAH!


KRAKK
THWAP




DAMN!
MY ARM...


HYAP!
VWOOM
ARRGH!

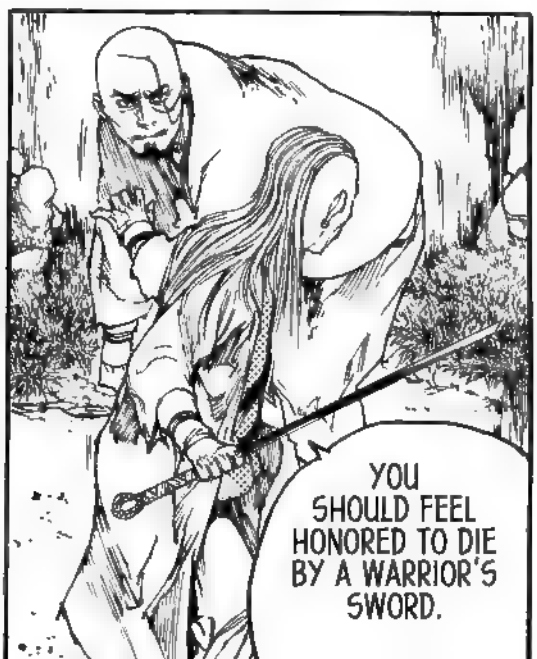

YOU CALL YOURSELVES WARRIORS?!
PNNT
SLITCH
ARRGH!
87
BASTARD!
WHAM!
AAAGH!
TP
SLITCH




YOU... ARROGANT... BASTARD...!


VWOOM
휙
HEH HEH...


YOU MUST BE MIGHTY *DESPERATE* TO COME ALL THIS WAY, ESPECIALLY WITH THAT INJURY FROM THE MATCH. *PATHETIC!*


YOU SHOULD FEEL HONORED TO DIE BY A WARRIOR'S SWORD.

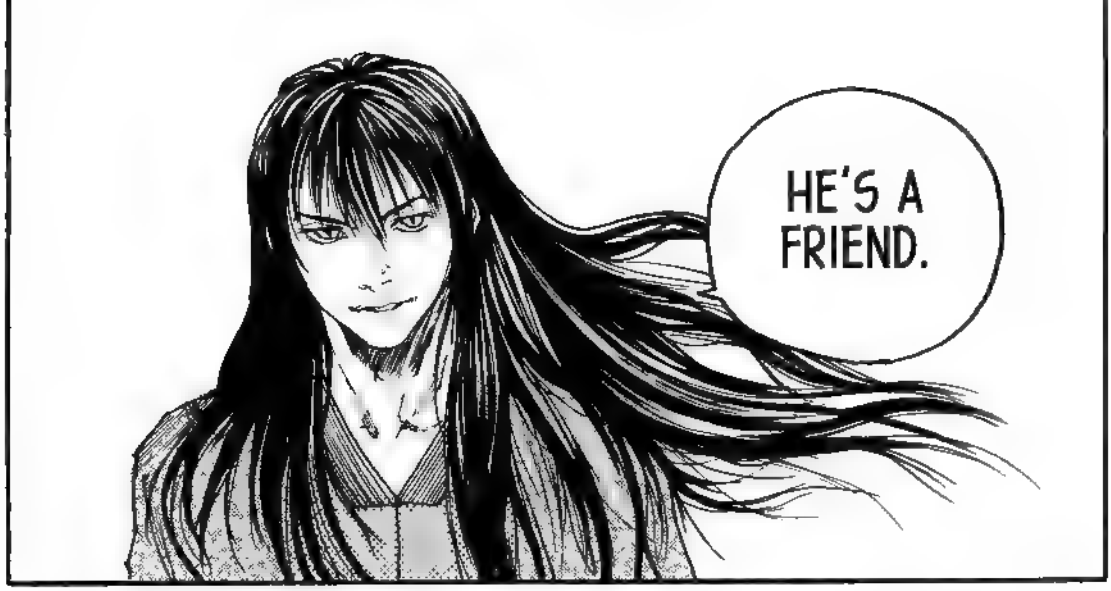



FWOO
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KTAK
THUNK
THE KUGAI SYMBOL ?!
LET HIM GO.
WHO ARE YOU?

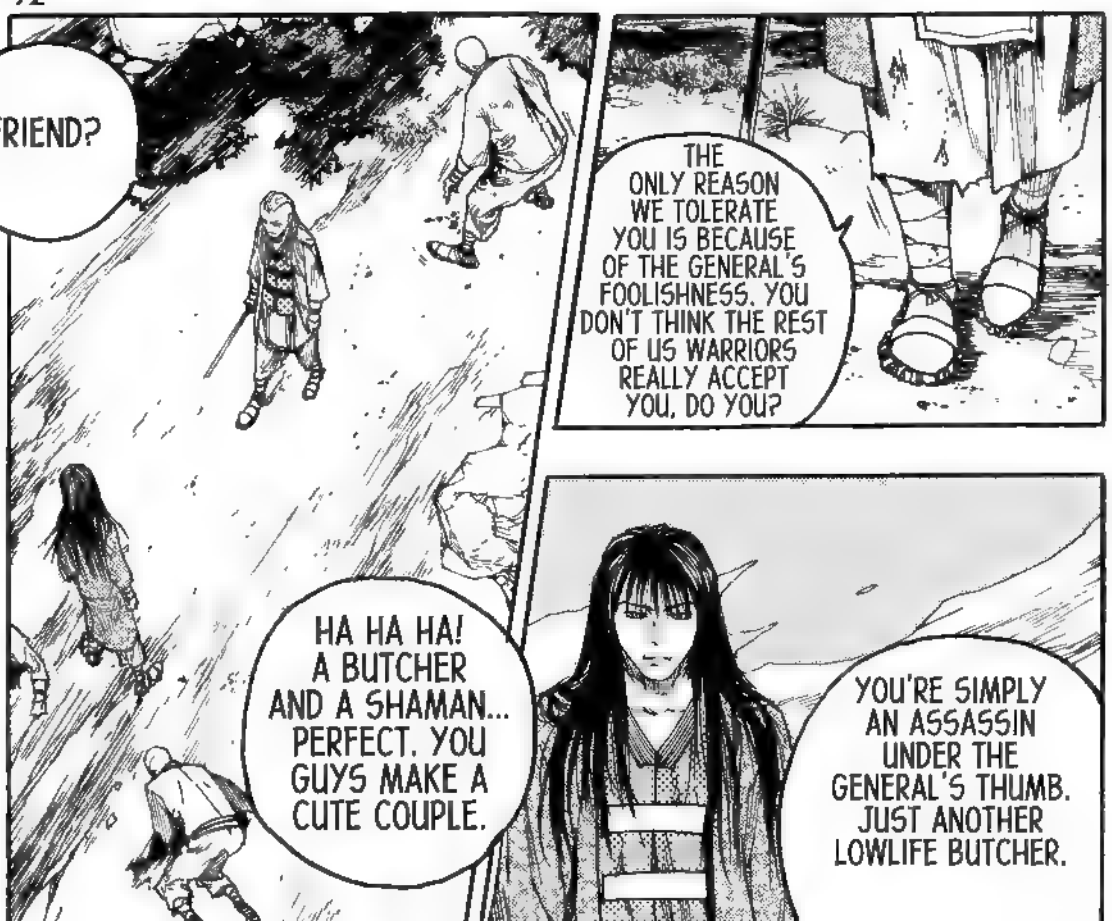

SHHK
샤악
THUMP
털썩
YARONG, KUGAI WARRIOR.


YOUR EYES... I SEE...YOU'RE THAT *SHAMAN* WORKING FOR THE GENERAL.
SHAMAN?
THEY'RE PART BEAST...THE LOWEST CLASS ANYWHERE...
SO HE EMPLOYS A SKILLED MONSTER. NOT BAD...
I SHOULD SLIT YOUR THROAT BECAUSE OF YOUR DISGRACEFUL ACTIONS, BUT I DON'T WANT TO DESTROY *ANOTHER* MAN'S DREAM. I'LL TRY TO FORGIVE YOU.


DREAM?
THIS FOOL'S DREAM?
SSSSK
WHY DO YOU CARE ABOUT WHAT THIS BUTCHER THINKS?


HE'S A FRIEND.




FRIEND?
THE ONLY REASON WE TOLERATE YOU IS BECAUSE OF THE GENERAL'S FOOLISHNESS. YOU DON'T THINK THE REST OF US WARRIORS REALLY ACCEPT YOU, DO YOU?
HA HA HA! A BUTCHER AND A SHAMAN... PERFECT. YOU GUYS MAKE A CUTE COUPLE.
YOU'RE SIMPLY AN ASSASSIN UNDER THE GENERAL'S THUMB. JUST ANOTHER LOWLIFE BUTCHER.


NOT ONLY HAVE YOU ACTED IN DISGRACE TO THE WARRIOR'S CODE, YOU HAVE JUST INSULTED THE GENERAL. FOR THESE CRIMES, I HEREBY STRIP YOU OF YOUR TITLE.
RENOUNCE YOUR KNIGHTHOOD AND BANISH YOURSELF TO THE DESERT...OR KILL YOURSELF AND SALVAGE WHATEVER SCRAP OF HONOR YOU MAY HAVE LEFT.
HA.
WHAT IF I DON'T LIKE EITHER OPTION?
ARRGH!
SPLUTCH
KCHHNNG
WHAT IF I DECIDE TO KILL YOU RIGHT HERE AND NOW INSTEAD?
PSSHH
SLITCH
SLITCH
AAUGH!
ERRK!


KHH...
IM... IMPOSSIBLE...
FOOL. YOU BRING SHAME TO THE KUGAI WARRIORS.
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SO...YOU'RE A SHAMAN? I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY...
I KNOW EXACTLY HOW YOU FEEL...
THE GENERAL TOOK ME UNDER HIS WING. HE GAVE ME MY TITLE AND A NEW LIFE.
BATU, IF YOU STILL WANT TO BE A WARRIOR...
...WHY NOT SERVE UNDER ME?
THEN EVENTUALLY YOU CAN WORK YOUR WAY OUT OF YOUR STATION AND BECOME A WARRIOR.
YOU DON'T KNOW ME. WHY THE CHARITY?
I WILL HELP YOU AS MUCH AS I CAN.


DESPITE YOUR TOUGH EXTERIOR, YOU HAVE A REPUTATION FOR BEING THE BIGGEST SOFTY IN MARUCHETTE. I LIKE YOU, BATU.
SO HOW ABOUT MY OFFER?




ALL RIGHT... GUESS I'LL HAVE TO START AT THE BOTTOM, HUH?
I WON'T GIVE UP ON MY DREAM...
...EVEN IF IT'S UNATTAINABLE.


MY DREAM...
...AND MY MASTER...YOU DESTROYED US BOTH.

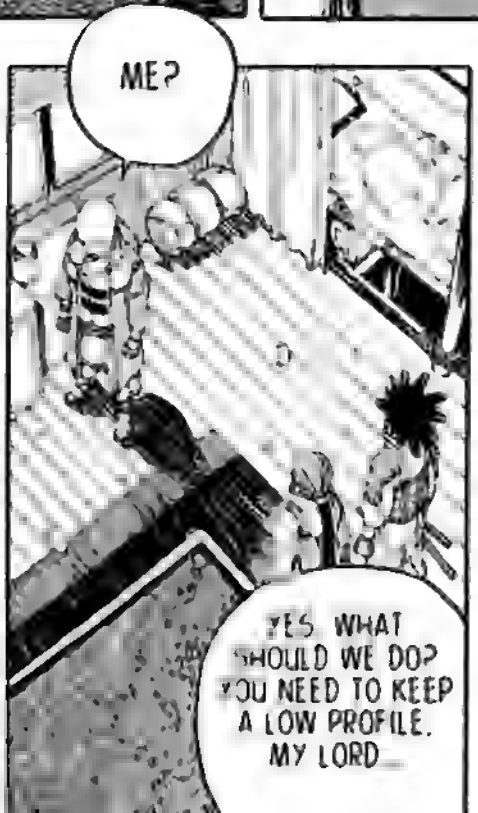

GENERAL...
...IT'S TIME TO PAY FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE.

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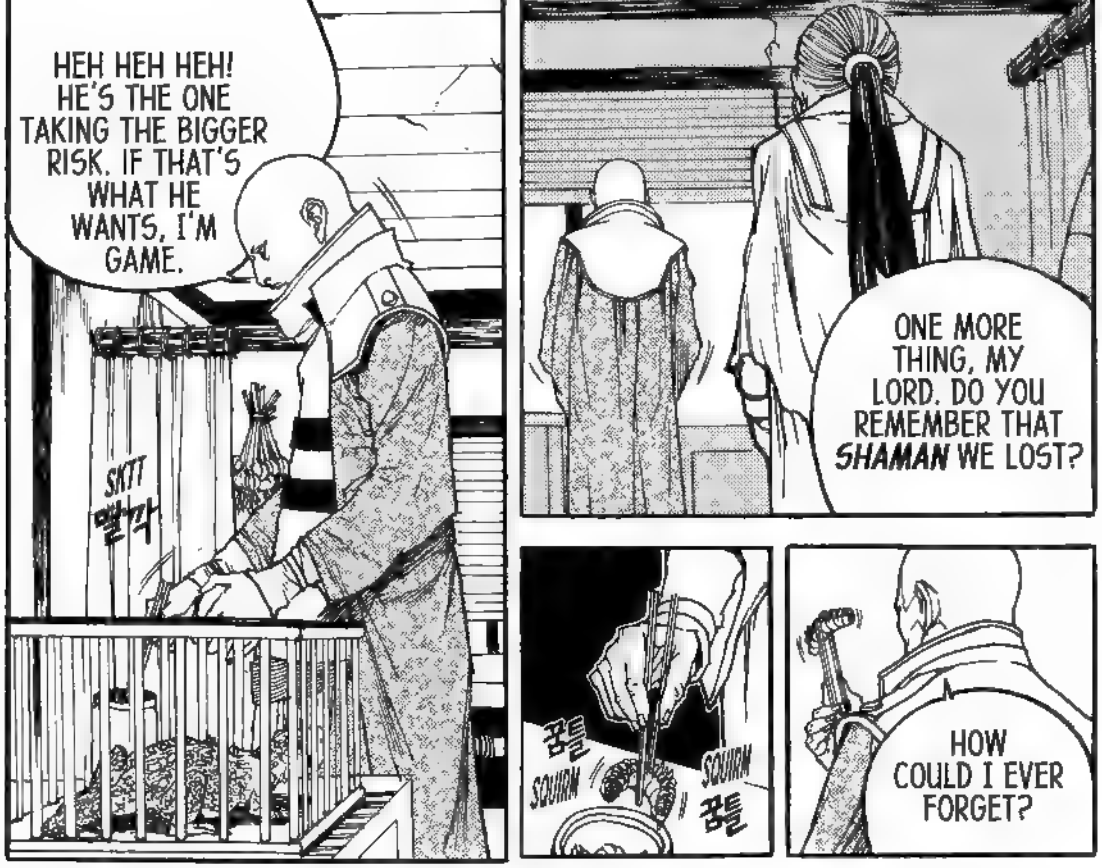


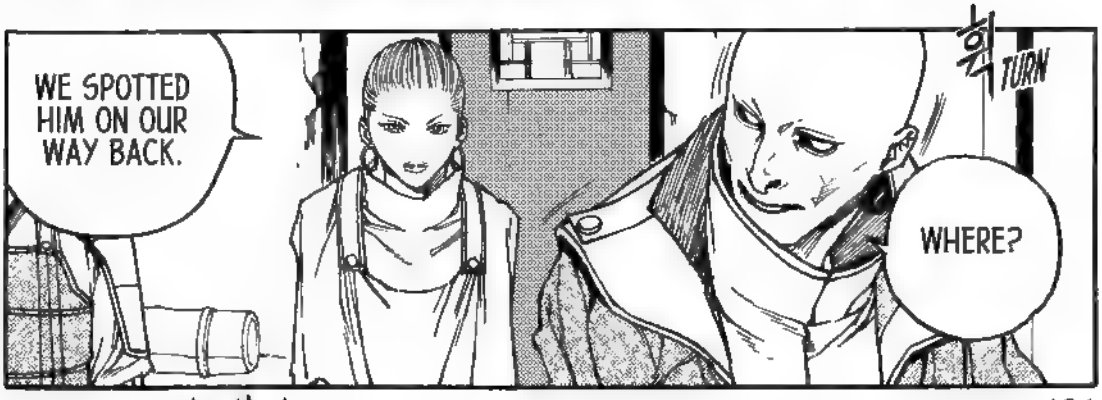

MARUCHETTE...
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YAHMI AND SIYAAT REPORTING, MY LORD


ME?
YES. WHAT SHOULD WE DO? YOU NEED TO KEEP A LOW PROFILE, MY LORD...


HE WANTS TO SEE YOU IN PERSON...
SO HOW'D IT GO?

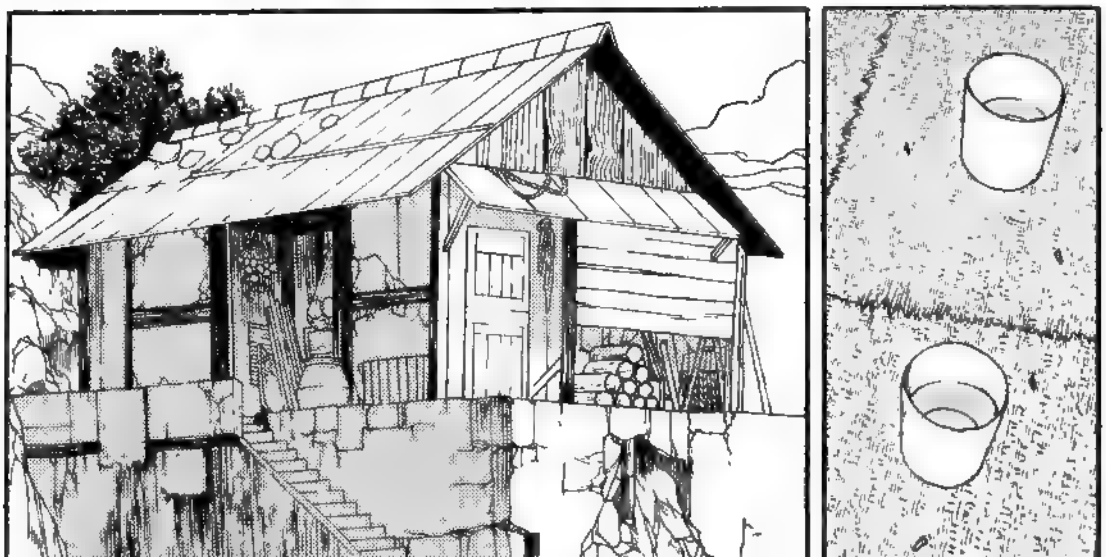

HEH HEH HEH! HE'S THE ONE TAKING THE BIGGER RISK. IF THAT'S WHAT HE WANTS, I'M GAME.
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ONE MORE THING, MY LORD. DO YOU REMEMBER THAT *SHAMAN* WE LOST?
SQUIRM
SQUIRM
HOW COULD I EVER FORGET?


WE SPOTTED HIM ON OUR WAY BACK.
TURN
WHERE?


WE SAW HIM ENTER GOGIL'S RESIDENCE. IF IT WOULD PLEASE MY LORD, WE CAN SLIT HIS THROAT TONIGHT.


HM...HE WAS TAKEN TO MANUTU TO BECOME A WARRIOR...AND NOW HE'S VISITING GOGIL...
REEAAK!
DON'T DO ANYTHING UNTIL I GIVE THE ORDER.
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YES, MY LORD!
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A BIGGER PREY COMES TO THE HUNTER WHO WAITS.




THEN WE HAVE *THREE DAYS* TO FINISH OUR PREPARATIONS.
I'LL MAKE SURE NOTHING DOES. THE MANUTU CLAN IS FINALLY MAKING ITS MOVE...
DURING WHICH TIME THE COMMANDER WILL STAY WITH GOGIL. NOTHING MUST GO WRONG.
BUT...MAY I ASK YOU A QUESTION?
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ISN'T KUGAI YOUR HOMELAND?
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YES...

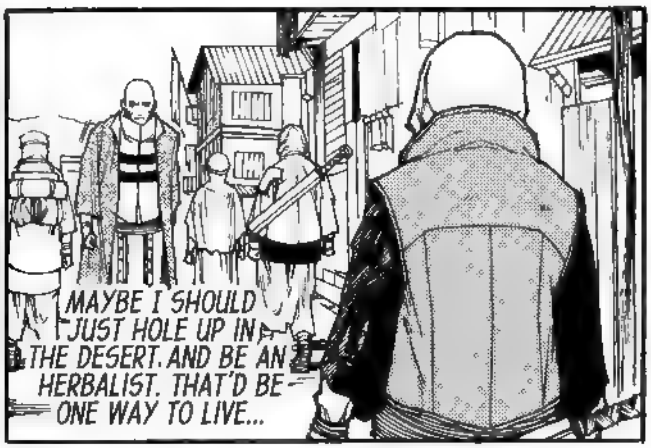

MM, I THOUGHT SO. THAT EXPLAINS YOUR ALLEGIANCE TO THE MANUTU CLAN. KUGAI'S ABHORRENT TREATMENT OF SHAMANS MUST HAVE BEEN SUCH A BETRAYAL TO YOU.


STILL, IT'S LIKE WE'RE WAGING WAR ON YOUR ORIGINS. ARE YOU CERTAIN YOU'RE ON THE RIGHT SIDE?
KUGAI HAS STABBED ME IN THE HEART. THERE IS NO REASON FOR ME TO HAVE ANY ALLEGIANCE TO THEM. MANUTU IS MY HOME NOW.
MANUTU IS MY CLAN. I WOULD GIVE MY LIFE FOR THEM.


HEH HEH! NO NEED TO BE SO SERIOUS. I JUST WANTED TO BE SURE, KNOWING YOUR BACK-GROUND. PLEASE FORGIVE MY RUDENESS.
HEH. NO, I UNDER-STAND.


I'M ATTACKING KUGAI. IS THIS REALLY HAPPENING?
ALL I DID WAS RUN AWAY BEFORE...NOW, FOR THE FIRST TIME, I'M TAKING CHARGE.


BUT CAN I JUST RISK MY LIFE LIKE THIS...? WHEN MY FATHER AND BROTHERS SACRIFICED THEIR OWN LIVES TO SAVE ME...?


MAYBE I SHOULD JUST HOLE UP IN THE DESERT AND BE AN HERBALIST. THAT'D BE ONE WAY TO LIVE...




NO! I'M A MAN. I CAN'T LIVE LIKE A MOUSE. EVEN IF I DID, I WOULDN'T LIVE FOREVER.

NO...I AM A WARRIOR OF THE MANUTU CLAN.

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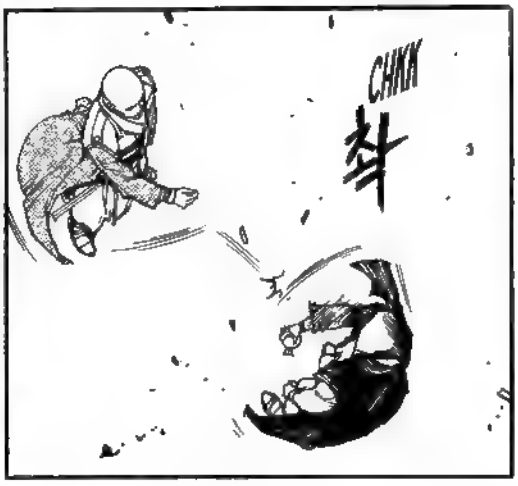
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YOU'RE RIGHT ON TIME.
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SO...WHAT DID YOU NEED TO TALK TO ME ABOUT IN PERSON?

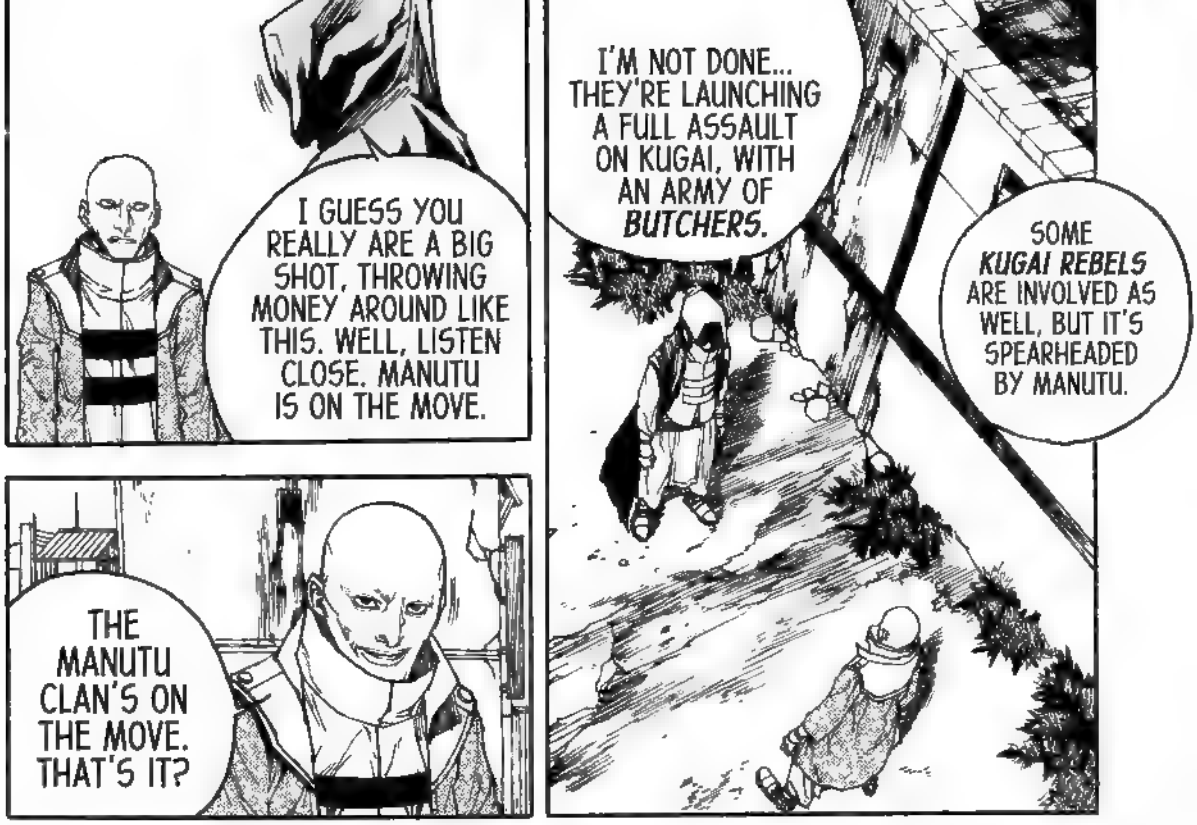

FIRST I NEED TO SEE SOME PAYMENT. THEN I'LL TALK.


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HMPH. I GOT SOMETHING REALLY JUICY. IT'S WORTH WAY MORE THAN THIS.


HEH HEH HEH! YOU'VE GOT BALLS. HERE!




I GUESS YOU REALLY ARE A BIG SHOT, THROWING MONEY AROUND LIKE THIS. WELL, LISTEN CLOSE. MANUTU IS ON THE MOVE.
I'M NOT DONE... THEY'RE LAUNCHING A FULL ASSAULT ON KUGAI, WITH AN ARMY OF *BUTCHERS*.
SOME *KUGAI REBELS* ARE INVOLVED AS WELL, BUT IT'S SPEARHEADED BY MANUTU.
THE MANUTU CLAN'S ON THE MOVE. THAT'S IT?


BUT THEY'RE HARDLY A THREAT IN THEIR CURRENT CONDITION. IT WOULD BE SUICIDE FOR THEM.
I ALREADY KNEW THAT MANUTU WAS PLANNING TO ATTACK KUGAI. THAT'S WHY I'M HERE.


CUT OFF THE HEAD, AND THE BODY FOLLOWS.

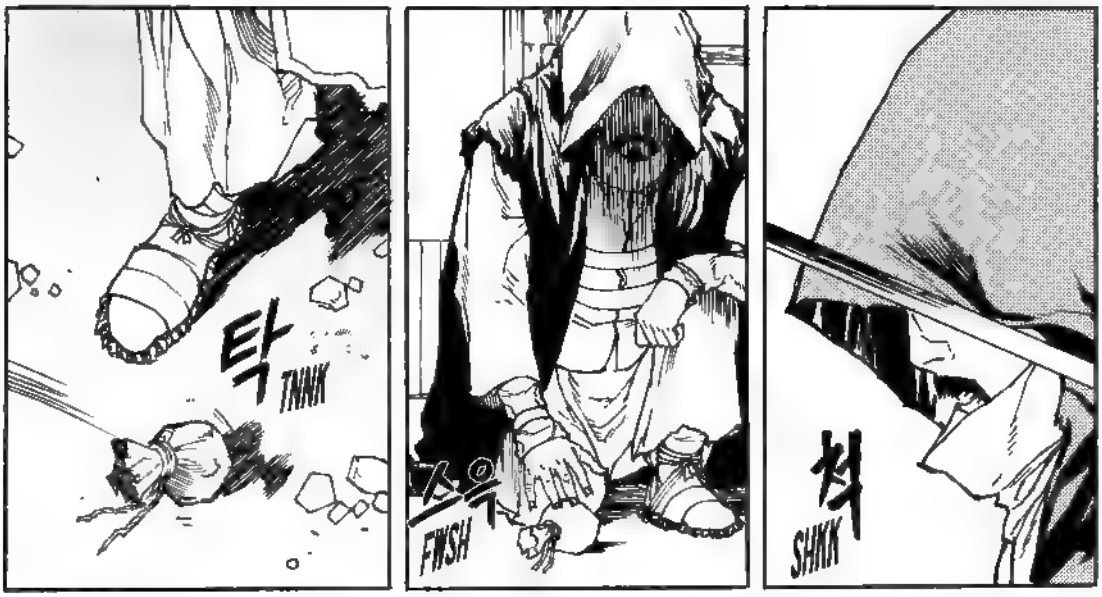

THEY HAVE A TEAM OF ASSASSINS ALREADY IN MOTION. FEW IN NUMBER, FOR EASY CONCEALMENT. AND THEY'RE VERY POWERFUL.
ARE YOU CERTAIN?
IF I WASN'T, I WOULDN'T BE RISKING MY NECK LIKE THIS.
EVEN IF THE ASSASSINS SUCCEED, MANUTU DOESN'T HAVE THE RESOURCES TO PULL THIS OFF. HOW CAN THEY EVER HOPE TO MATCH UP AGAINST KUGAI WHEN THEY DON'T EVEN HAVE ANY LAND?
SO...IF WE ELIMINATE HIM, MANUTU DOESN'T HAVE A LEG TO STAND ON.
OF COURSE... BUT IT WON'T BE EASY. HE'S PROTECTED BY MANUTU WARRIORS. THEY'LL GUARD HIM WITH THEIR LIVES AS LONG AS HE'S FOOTING THE BILL.
THAT SLIMY SNAKE IS SHOWING HIS TRUE COLORS AT LAST...
GOGIL WILL TAKE CARE OF THAT.


SO THE SHAMAN IS ONE OF HIS GUARDS...
OH, HO! YOU KNOW SOME THINGS YOURSELF, I SEE.
BUT THERE'S SOMEONE EVEN STRONGER.
WHO?
ARAGORN'S SON.


HAVE YOU MET HIM?

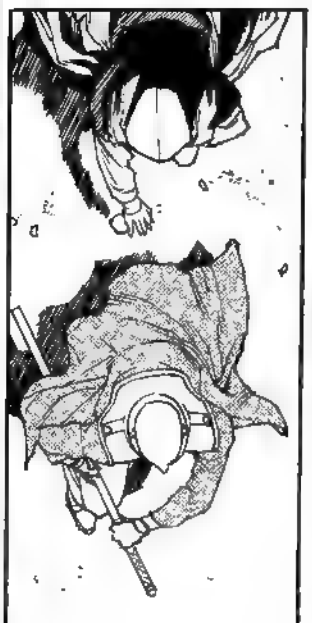

OF COURSE. HE'S AN INCREDIBLE WARRIOR--EASILY STANDING SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH KUGAI'S BEST. IF YOU WANT TO SAVE YOURSELF A LOT OF GRIEF IN THE FUTURE...
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YOU COCKY BASTARD...KUGAI CAN HANDLE HIM.
...I SUGGEST YOU CUT HIM DOWN RIGHT NOW.
KEH HEH HEH! DON'T GET ME WRONG. I COULD CARE LESS ABOUT EITHER CLAN. I'M JUST A BUTCHER WHO WANTS TO BE PAID MY FAIR SHARE.
ALL RIGHT-- BUT IF YOU TRY TO SEE ME IN PERSON AGAIN...
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...THE ONLY PAYMENT YOU'LL GET IS A MOUTHFUL OF DIRT.
HEY! EVER HEARD OF TIPPING? A TIP FROM YOU GETS A TIP FROM ME...
HEH HEH! CHEEKY PUNK...

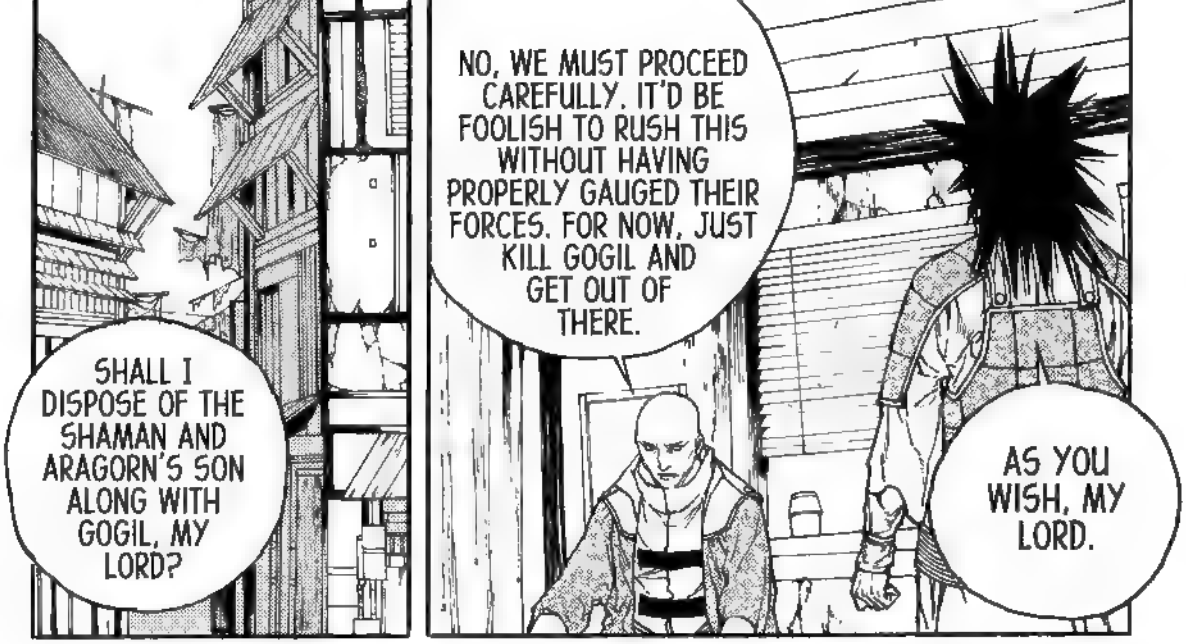

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HOW LONG DO YOU EXPECT TO LIVE WITH THAT KIND OF INFO IN YOUR HEAD?


YOU SHOULD FEEL *LUCKY* THAT I HAVE A SOFT SPOT FOR THE LIKES OF YOU.
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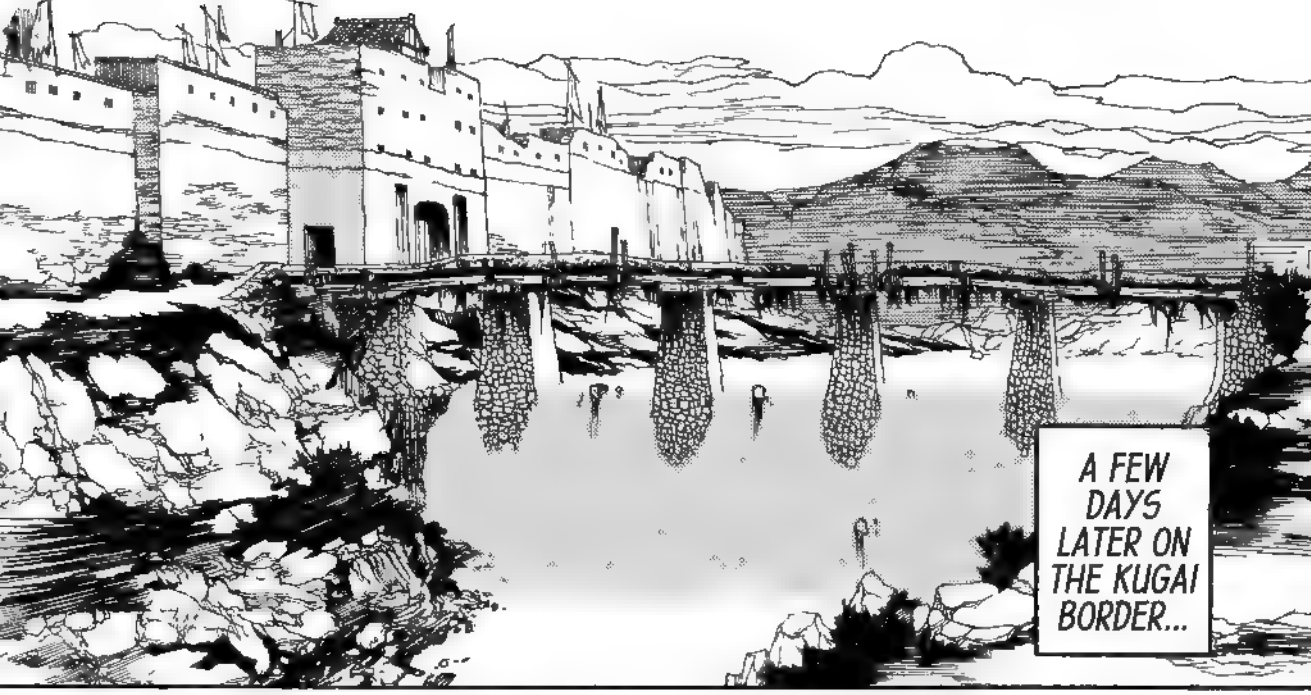

SHALL I DISPOSE OF THE SHAMAN AND ARAGORN'S SON ALONG WITH GOGIL, MY LORD?
NO, WE MUST PROCEED CAREFULLY. IT'D BE FOOLISH TO RUSH THIS WITHOUT HAVING PROPERLY GAUGED THEIR FORCES. FOR NOW, JUST KILL GOGIL AND GET OUT OF THERE.
AS YOU WISH, MY LORD.

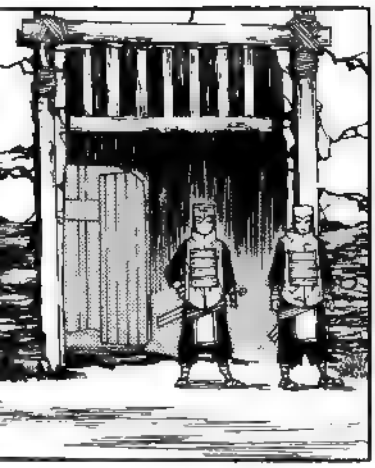

WHAT SHOULD WE DO ABOUT YOKU?


HE MAY STILL PROVE USEFUL--BUT KEEP AN EYE ON HIM. ONCE WE'RE DONE WITH EVERYTHING, WE'LL SWEEP HIM UNDER THE RUG.



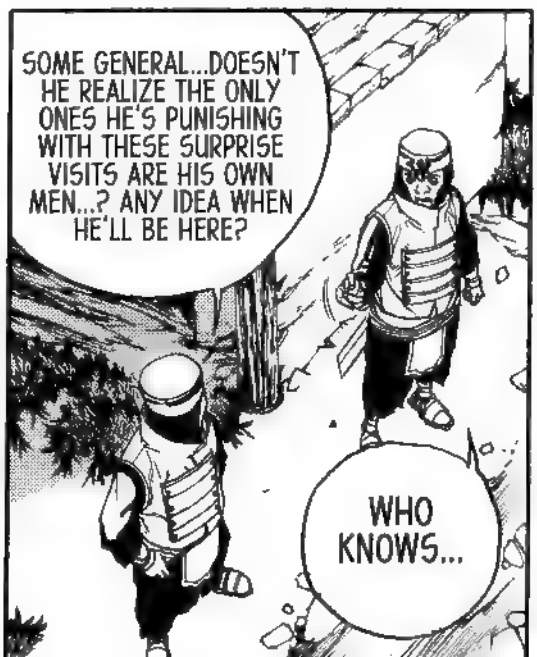

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A FEW DAYS LATER ON THE KUGAI BORDER...




HOOO! I CAN'T STAND THIS HEAT!


HEY, STAY ALERT! YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN THE GENERAL'S GONNA PASS BY. REMEMBER HOW EVERYONE AT THAT OTHER CHECKPOINT WAS PUNISHED AFTER THE BREACH A FEW YEARS AGO?


SOME GENERAL...DOESN'T HE REALIZE THE ONLY ONES HE'S PUNISHING WITH THESE SURPRISE VISITS ARE HIS OWN MEN...? ANY IDEA WHEN HE'LL BE HERE?
WHO KNOWS...


HUH?


IS...IS THAT HIM?


NAW, IT'S JUST SOME GIRL.
HEY, HALT THERE!
SNFF
HAVEN'T SEEN YOU BEFORE...YOU COMING FROM THE DESERT ALL ALONE?
YES, SIR. MY MOTHER IS SICK, SO I'M TAKING HER PLACE SELLING THESE HERBS...
YOU POOR THING. MUST BE HARD. YOU SHOULD BE PROUD OF YOURSELF.
IF YOU NEED ANYTHING, DON'T HESITATE TO ASK ME.
THANK YOU, SIR.
MAY I PASS NOW?
CER-TAINLY!


BE STRONG NOW!
HEY, HOW MANY YEARS HAVE I BEEN ON THIS JOB?
HUH?
WHAT'RE YA TALKIN' ABOUT? WE'VE BEEN HERE TOGETHER FOR, WHAT, *TEN YEARS?*
HEH HEH HEH! YOU CAN'T FOOL ME, GIRL.
I LOOK AT ***HUNDREDS*** OF PEOPLE EVERY DAY. IF YOU THINK YOU CAN HIDE YOURSELF WITH NOTHING BUT A CLOAK, YOU'VE GOT ANOTHER THING COMING.
WHAT...? DID YOU NOTICE SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS?

I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH A HOT BODY IN MY ENTIRE LIFE. SUCH BALANCE AND FLEXIBILITY... ONCE SHE PULLS OFF THAT CLOAK, SHE'S GONNA TURN ALL OF KUGAI UPSIDE DOWN.

YOU... STUPID ...!

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ONCE THAT'S BEHIND US, WE'LL BE HOME FREE IN THE DESERT.

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IT'S LIKE YOU SAID...LOOKS LIKE THE ONLY WAY OUT OF HERE IS THE BRIDGE.

AND YOUR SURVEILLANCE REPORT?

THE SECURITY AT THE CHECKPOINT ISN'T TOO BAD. IT'S HEAVIER DURING THE NIGHT, THOUGH. THE GENERAL SHOULD BE SPENDING A DAY HERE BEFORE PROCEEDING TO THE DESERT.

GOOD JOB.

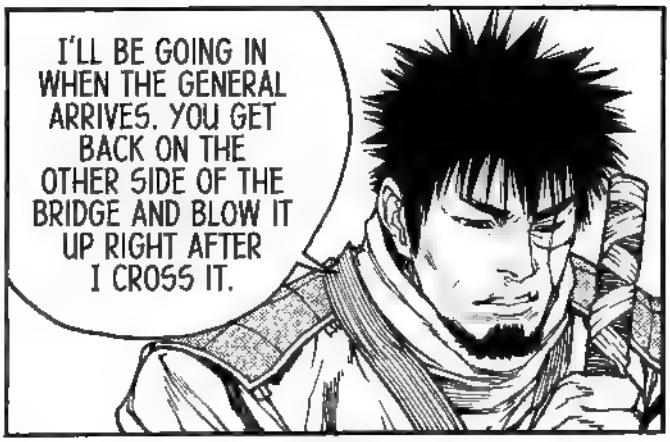
SO WHAT DO YOU THINK, BATU? THE ASSASSINATION SHOULD BE A CINCH, BUT I'M A LITTLE WORRIED ABOUT OUR ESCAPE ROUTE. DO YOU STILL WANT TO PROCEED?

TAKE THIS, YAKI.

WHAT IS IT?

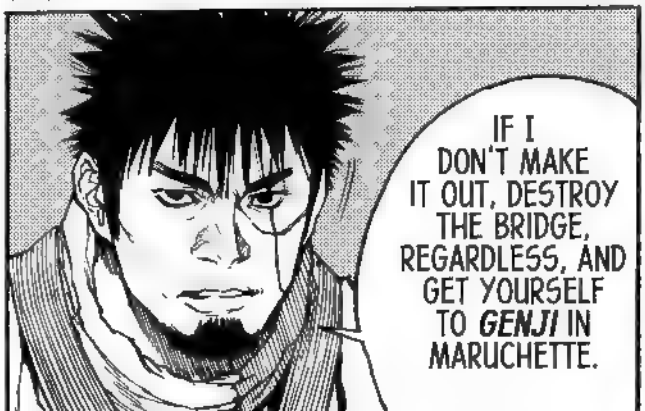



HA! THIS WILL REALLY SHAKE 'EM UP. THESE THINGS ARE HARD TO COME BY FOR AN ASSASSIN...

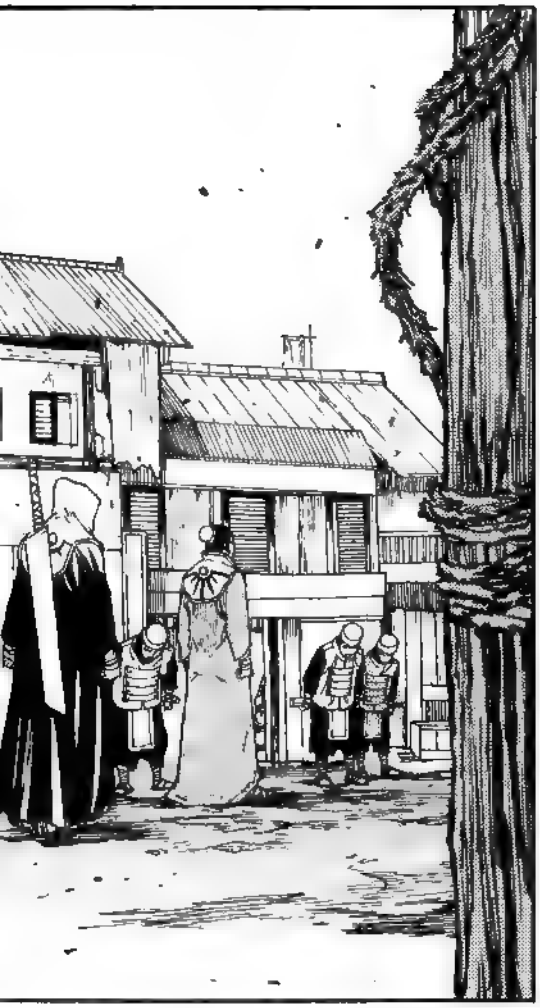

I'LL BE GOING IN WHEN THE GENERAL ARRIVES. YOU GET BACK ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BRIDGE AND BLOW IT UP RIGHT AFTER I CROSS IT.


WHAT?! YOU'RE NOT GONNA TAKE ME WITH YOU?!
I'M GOING IN ALONE. YOU JUST MAKE SURE TO DO YOUR JOB.


WHAT?! NO WAY!
DON'T MAKE ME TELL YOU TWICE!


IF I DON'T MAKE IT OUT, DESTROY THE BRIDGE, REGARDLESS, AND GET YOURSELF TO *GENJI* IN MARUCHETTE.


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THE GENERAL IS HERE!!
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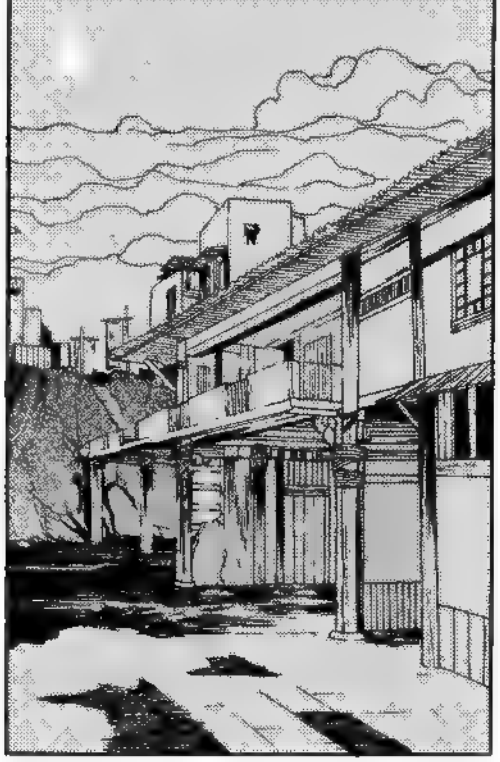


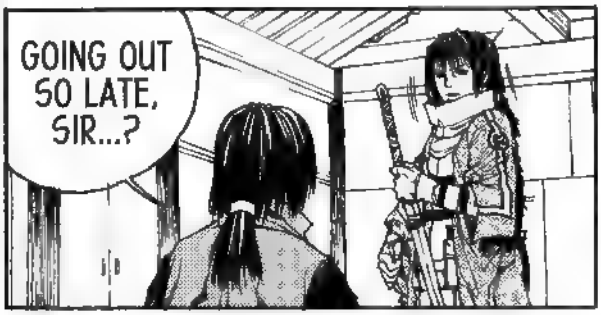
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GOING OUT SO LATE, SIR...?

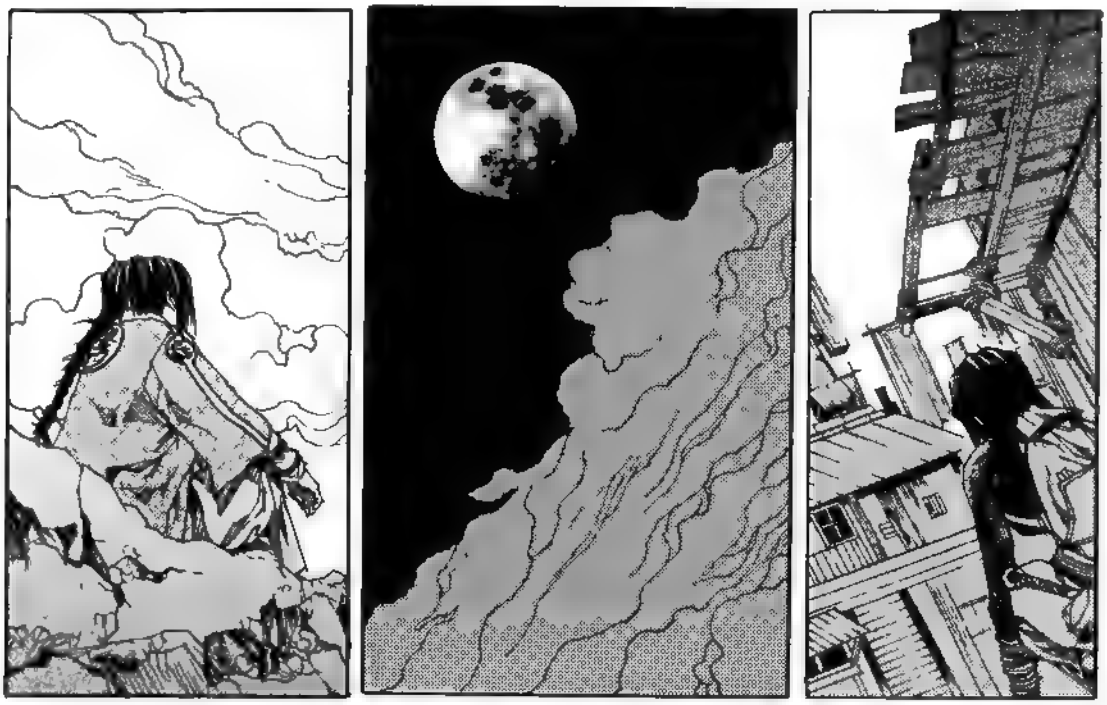

I JUST NEED SOME FRESH AIR. IF EVERYTHING GOES ACCORDING TO PLAN, THE ASSASSINATION SHOULD BE COMPLETED SOON.


DON'T WORRY, SIR. BATU AND YAKI MAKE A VERY POWERFUL TEAM.
THEY KNOW THEY MUST SUCCEED.


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YAKI...CAPTAIN OF THE ASSASSINS...HAVE YOU GROWN UP SO MUCH ALREADY?




WHAT A NIGHT FOR A FULL MOON...

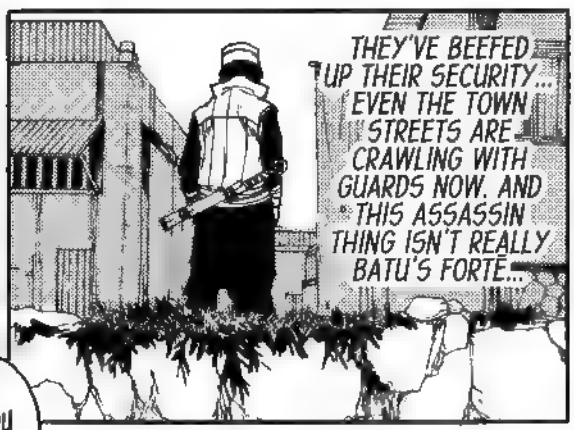

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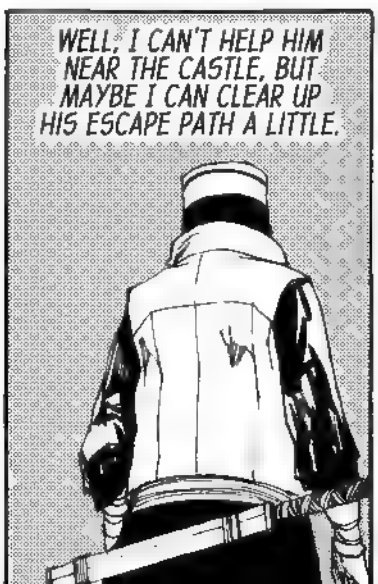

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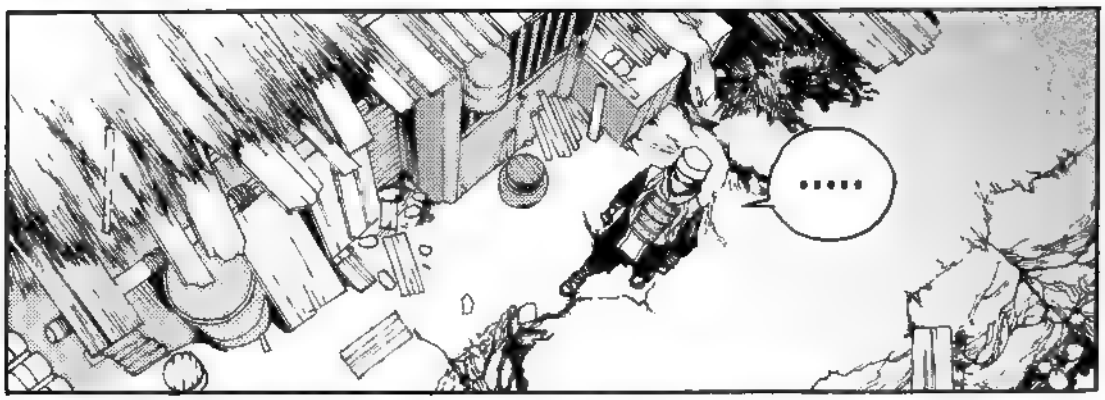

THEY'VE BEEFED UP THEIR SECURITY... EVEN THE TOWN STREETS ARE CRAWLING WITH GUARDS NOW. AND THIS ASSASSIN THING ISN'T REALLY BATU'S FORTE...


WELL, I CAN'T HELP HIM NEAR THE CASTLE, BUT MAYBE I CAN CLEAR UP HIS ESCAPE PATH A LITTLE.


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IS THAT A FISH?


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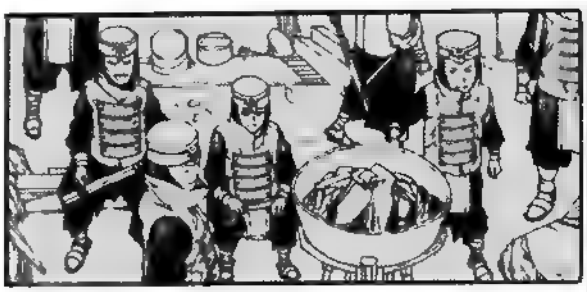

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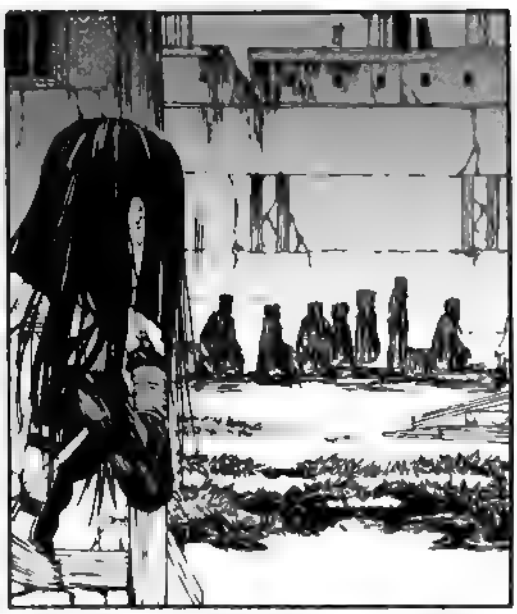

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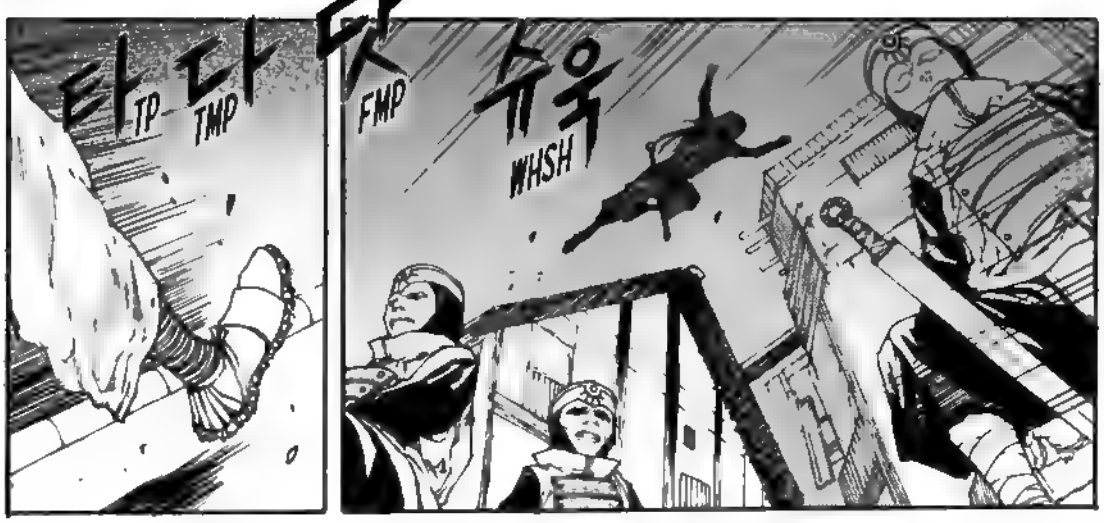

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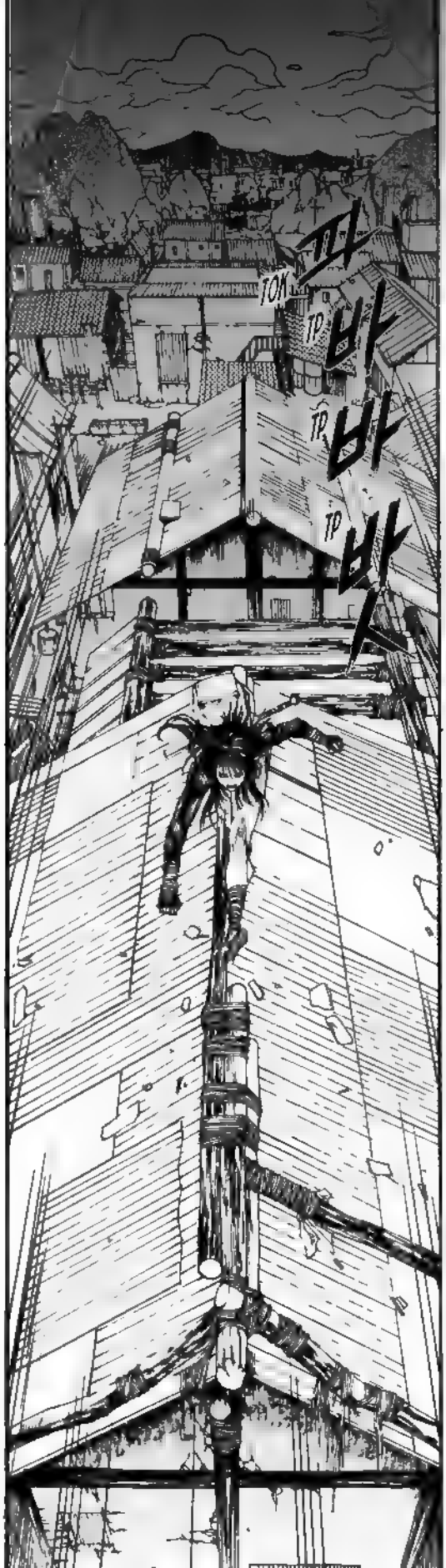









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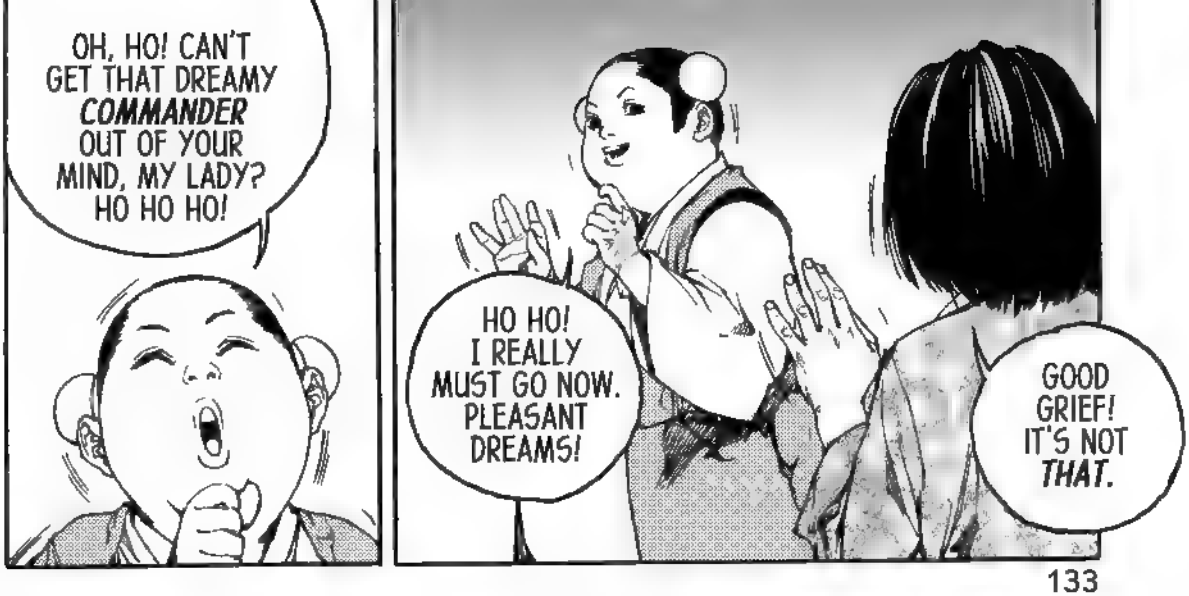

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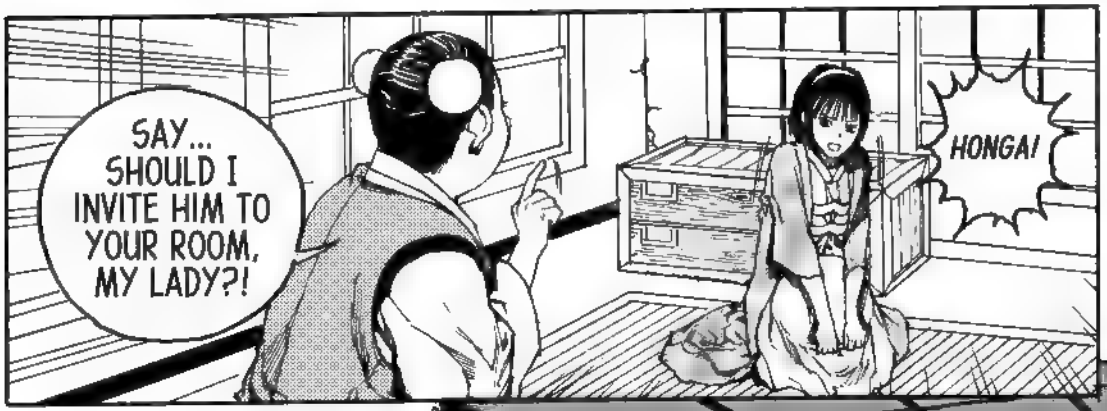

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FOO...I'LL BE OVER ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CASTLE WALL IN NO TIME...




MY LADY.
MY LADY.
HM?
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING SO SERIOUSLY ABOUT?
OH, NOTHING.
IT'S LATE, I MUST BE GOING NOW. I HAVE A LOT OF THINGS TO DO TOMORROW.
OKAY.
NIGHT, MY LADY.
HONGA... WOULD YOU MIND STAYING LONGER?
MY LADY?
I'VE BEEN UNEASY THE LAST FEW DAYS, FOR SOME REASON. I CAN'T SLEEP...
.....


OH, HO! CAN'T GET THAT DREAMY *COMMANDER* OUT OF YOUR MIND, MY LADY? HO HO HO!
HO HO! I REALLY MUST GO NOW. PLEASANT DREAMS!
GOOD GRIEF! IT'S NOT *THAT.*

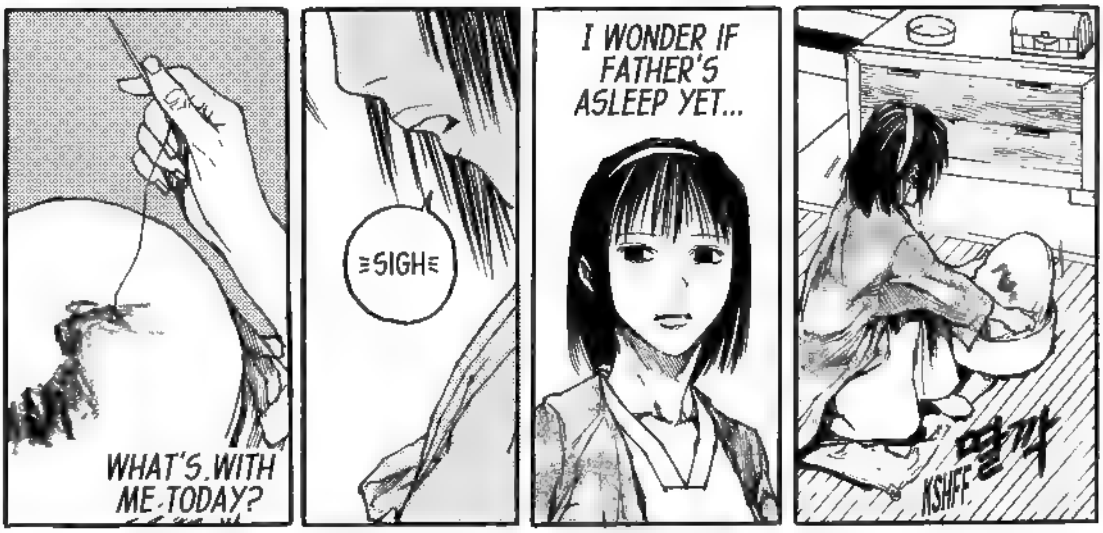

SAY... SHOULD I INVITE HIM TO YOUR ROOM, MY LADY?!
HONGA!

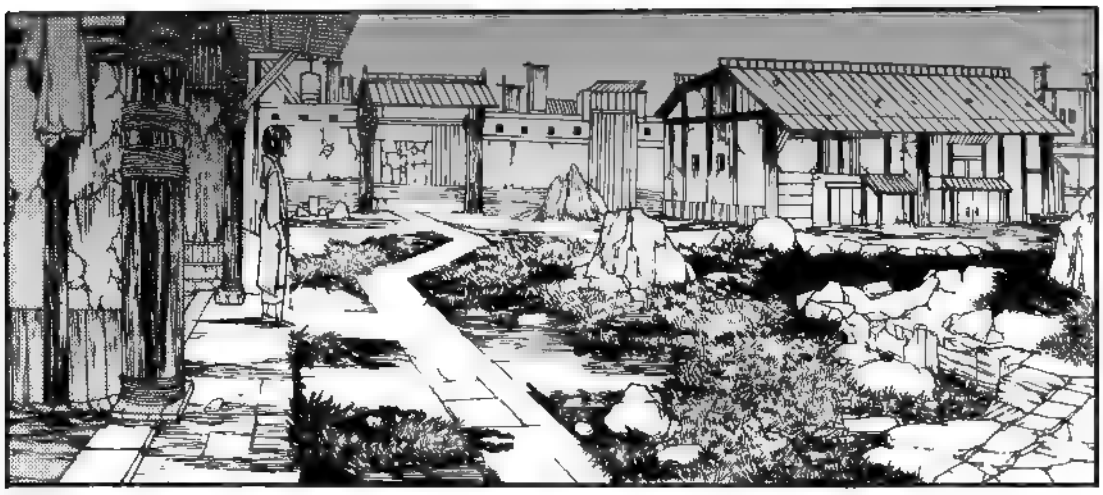

HFF! NEVERMIND... GOOD NIGHT. I DON'T KNOW WHY I BOTHERED TELLING YOU...


BE STRONG, MY LADY.




두근 THA-THUMP
THA-THUMP 두근

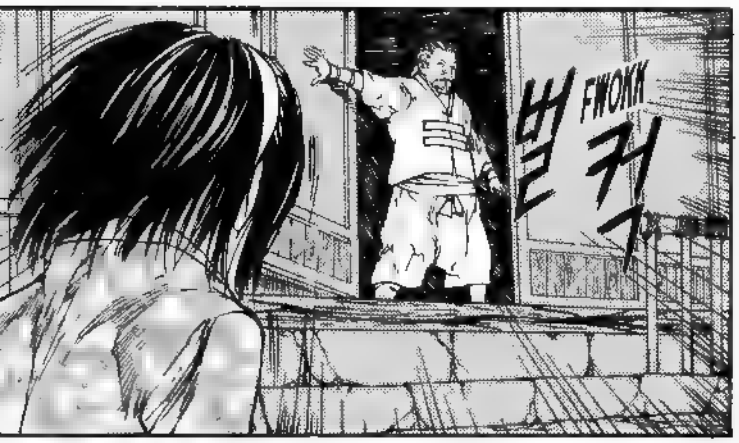

WHAT'S WITH ME TODAY?
≡SIGH≡
I WONDER IF FATHER'S ASLEEP YET...
KSHFF
떨깍






스윽
WSH
THU-THUMP
두근
THU-THUMP
두근
KNNCH
저벅
KNNCH
저벅
HRRK!
FATHER?!


FATHER!!

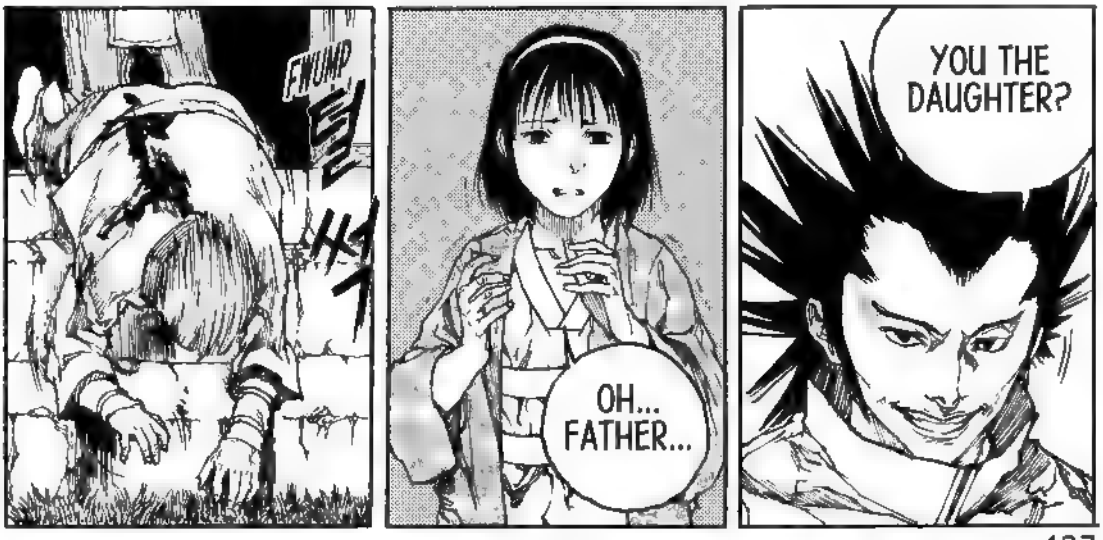

FWOKK
벌컥






QUICKLY...
R-RUN...


HE'S A TOUGH OLD FART. I'M IMPRESSED.


FWUMP
털썩
OH... FATHER...
YOU THE DAUGHTER?


I WAS PLANNING TO KILL YOUR FATHER AND LEAVE...
HWEE
타
HWEE
닥
...BUT WHO AM I TO SEPERATE YOU TWO?!
VWOOSH
휙
앗


챠아앗
CHAAA
138


과
THUNK!
앗
FWSH
파

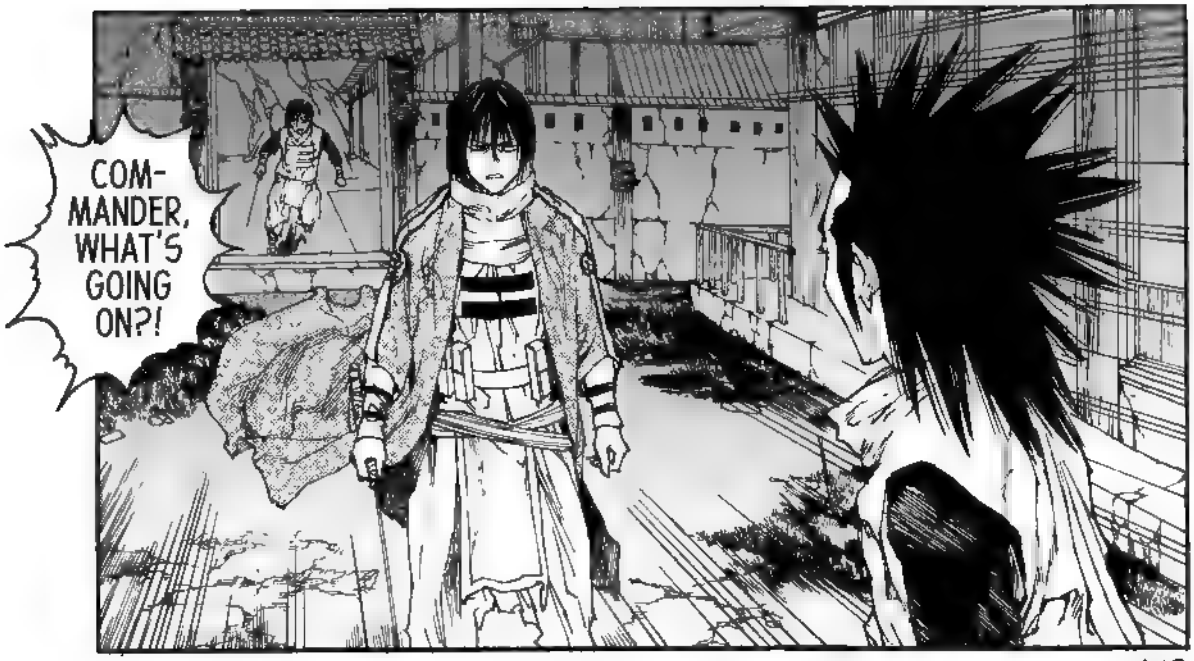

DAMN! I WAS SUPPOSED TO KEEP THIS QUIET! YAHMI'S GONNA BE PISSED!
KHEH HEH HEH! LIKE I CARE. WHAT'S THE FUN OF SNEAKING AROUND LIKE A MOUSE? I'LL RUN THROUGH HERE AND KILL ANYONE I DAMN WELL PLEASE!


SO... YOU WANNA PLAY?!
KMP
TMP
TMP
FAPP
KTANG
SHOOO
HWAA!
!


WHMMP
HWOO
TAKE... THIS!
HK!
CHFF


KSHFFF
드드드
142
KANNG
챙
HNGH!
SWFF
닥
WHSH
휙
웨에에
FWOO


SO YOU'RE THE WARRIOR WHO HANGS WITH A SHAMAN, HUH? UNBELIEV-ABLE.
YOU KNOW ME...? WHO ARE YOU?
FOOL... DO YOU THINK I'D TELL YOU?


COM-MANDER, WHAT'S GOING ON?!


DAMN! THIS GUY'S TOUGH ENOUGH WITHOUT A SHAMAN JOINING IN...
LOOK, I'M NOT INTO LOSING...
FWIP
슥


FWH
SHOO
KTANNG


TWIP
TWIP
TWIP
145
VOOSH
HE'S MINE! SIR, PLEASE STAY HERE AND WATCH OVER HER!
NOD
TURN




첨벙
SPLISH
SPLISH
첨벙


WHERE IS HE? HE COULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN FAR...


RUSTLE
HM? IS THAT--






슈
VWOOSH
앗


피
PNNT
억


슈
SHHNK


CHOK
캉
SPIN
휘릭
THAK
카
캉
슈
HWOO
슉
팟
KMMP


HIIAA
KRAKK
TNK


THINK YOU'RE PRETTY TOUGH, EH?
HRAHH!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S YOU AGAIN...
AWW...YOU REMEMBER ME! I'M TOUCHED!
PAPP
SHWOOF
VWOO
THNNK


KTANNG
HRF!
I DIDN'T FORGET YOU, EITHER.
I NEVER FORGET A TARGET ONCE I HAVE ITS SCENT.


HYAAP!
채
KRANING
아
SHINING
챙
SPLISH
첨벙
SPLISH
첨벙
SPLISH
첨벙
퍽
TWACK
TP
TP
TP
FMTP
다
다
다
닷


THAP
HRRG!
SO I GUESS YOUR BALLS FINALLY DROPPED, HUH? YOU USED TO JUST RUN AWAY.
154
HFF!
HFF!
WHY DID YOU KILL GOGIL?
GOGIL? OH--THAT OLD SACK OF FLAB? IT WAS MY JOB.


JOB? I THOUGHT YOU WERE A SHAMAN HUNTER...
WELL, WHAT'S A GUY TO DO WHEN ALL THE SHAMANS IN KUGAI HAVE BEEN PUT DOWN?
I KEPT WORKING FOR KUGAI, OF COURSE. AS LONG AS THE PAY IS RIGHT, A KILL IS A KILL. AND I WON'T LET YOU TAKE AWAY MY CASH COW.


YOU KNOW! HOW...?
GIVE IT UP...YOU AND YOUR PATHETIC FRIENDS'LL NEVER PULL THIS OFF.

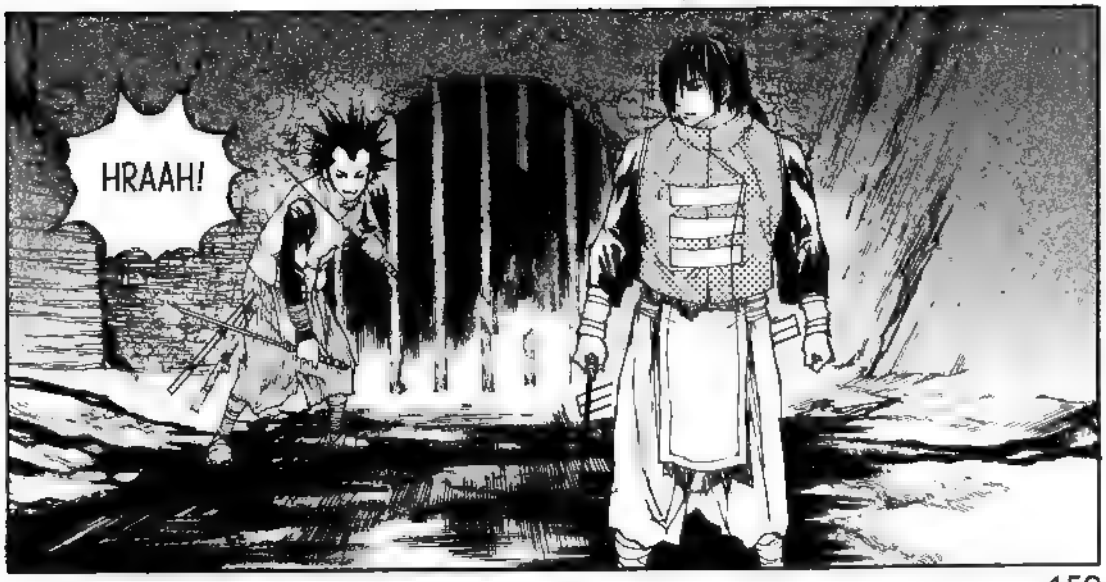

SO WE HAD A KUGAI SPY IN OUR MIDST.


THAT'S THE ONLY WAY YOU COULD'VE KNOWN. OUR PLANS WERE SECRET EVEN TO MOST OF MANUTU.
YOU AGAIN...
I FEEL AS IF I'M UNDER SOME GREAT WEIGHT... LIKE I'M STANDING ATTENTION BEFORE ARAGORN.
SPLOOSH
HOW MUCH OF OUR PLANS DO YOU KNOW?
IT WOULDN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE EVEN IF I WERE TO TELL YOU...


WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WE KNOW ABOUT YOUR PLANS TO ASSASSINATE THE GENERAL...
KHEH HEH HEH! YOUR LITTLE ASSASSIN TEAM IS PROBABLY DEAD BY NOW. THE PROBLEM WITH YOU MANUTU IS THAT YOU'RE WAY TOO TRUSTING.
157
IT COULDN'T BE...YOKU...?!
GETTING CHASED AWAY BY ARAGORN WASN'T ENOUGH FOR YOU?! KUGAI CLOWN!

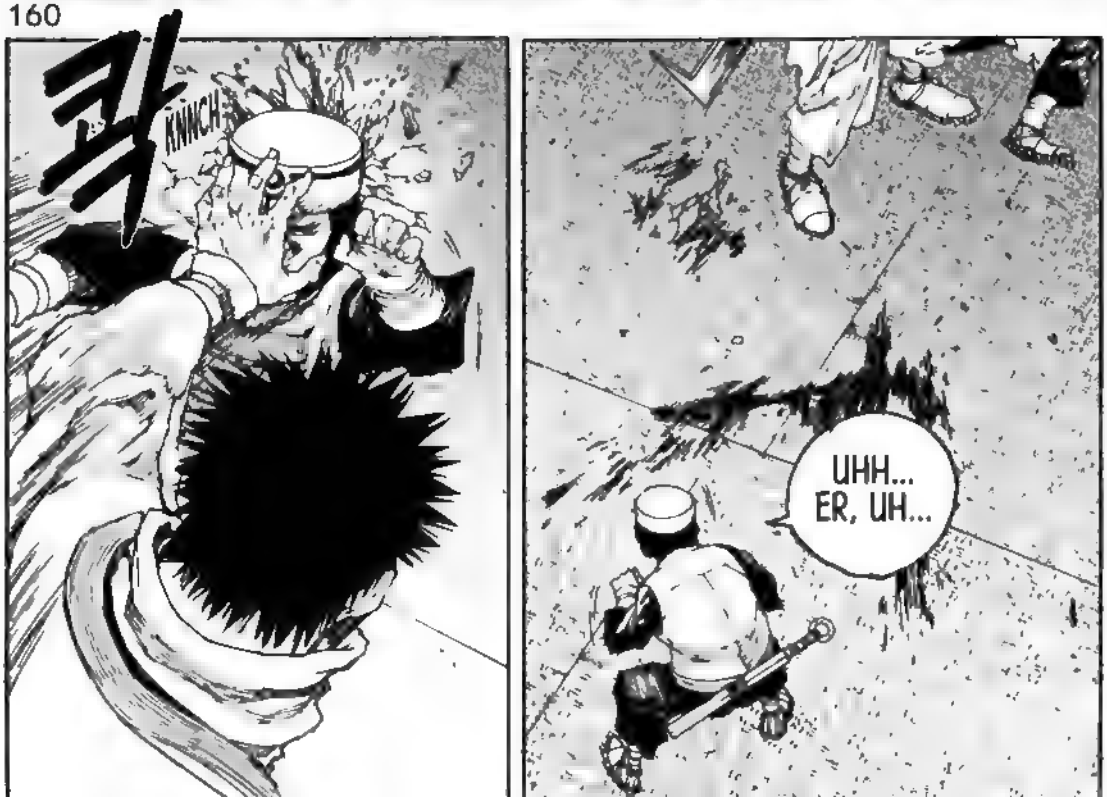

THWAK
빡
158
슈
WSHOO
으윽
차아악
SPSHHH
COMMANDER!!


I'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM! RIGHT NOW, BATU AND YAKI REALLY NEED YOU!!
SSSH
YOU'RE... RIGHT.


HRAAH!


KUGAI BORDER CHECK-POINT...


쾅
KWUNG
KOOM
퍽
DON'T JUST STAND THERE! GO OUT FOR REINFORCE-MENTS!


콱
KNNCH
UHH... ER, UH...


S-STAY BACK...
PLEASE...! PLEASE DON'T KILL ME! I WON'T SAY A WORD!
FWMP
161
VWSHOOM
CHUKK
FWOO


WSH
TMP
SHAA
SO YOU'VE BEEN REDUCED TO SNEAKING AROUND LIKE A RAT...


IT...IT'S HIM...


SHHK
I FIGURED MANUTU WAS PLOTTING SOMETHING, BUT I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D BE INVOLVED...


SO IT REALLY IS YOU...BATU...
...?!
GENERAL!!
JUST THE TWO PEOPLE I CAME TO SEE...THIS MUST BE MY LUCKY DAY...


I ALWAYS FIGURED YOU WERE STILL ALIVE, SEEKING ME TO SETTLE THE SCORE.
I HAVE A QUESTION FOR YOU...DID YOU REALLY ORDER MY MASTER'S DEATH?
I DID...
WHY?
FOR THE SECURITY OF KUGAI.
SECURITY? YOU WOULD KILL FAMILY IN THE NAME OF SECURITY?
I NEVER TRUSTED YOU...


A WARRIOR DOES NOT ASK "WHY"--HE PERFORMS HIS DUTY WITHOUT QUESTION.
...BUT MY MASTER... MY MASTER...
YARONG UNDERSTOOD THAT PERFECTLY.
BEING A "WARRIOR" MEANS NOTHING TO ME. IT'S JUST ANOTHER WORD FOR "MURDERER."
BUT MY MASTER GAVE HIMSELF TO YOU AND BECAME A MONSTER.
THAT WAS THE PATH MY MASTER TOOK.

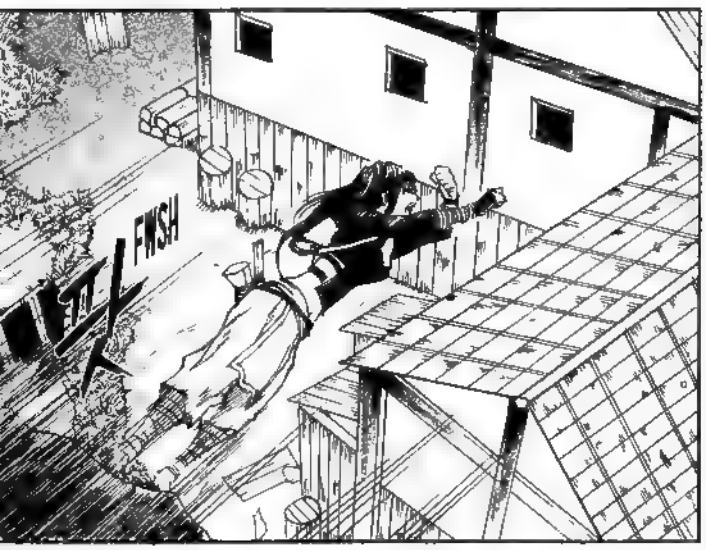

WILL YOU NOT FOLLOW IN YOUR MASTER'S FOOTSTEPS?
MY LIFE WAS OVER THE DAY HE DIED...AND I WILL JOIN HIM SOON ENOUGH. BUT--


--I'M TAKING YOU WITH ME, GENERAL!
GRAAAHH!!


HNFF!
KRANNG
쿠앙
168
THIS IS FOR WHAT YOU DID ON THAT BRIDGE!
카
I SHOULD'VE KILLED YOU ALONG WITH YARONG!
KRRRKK
끄끄

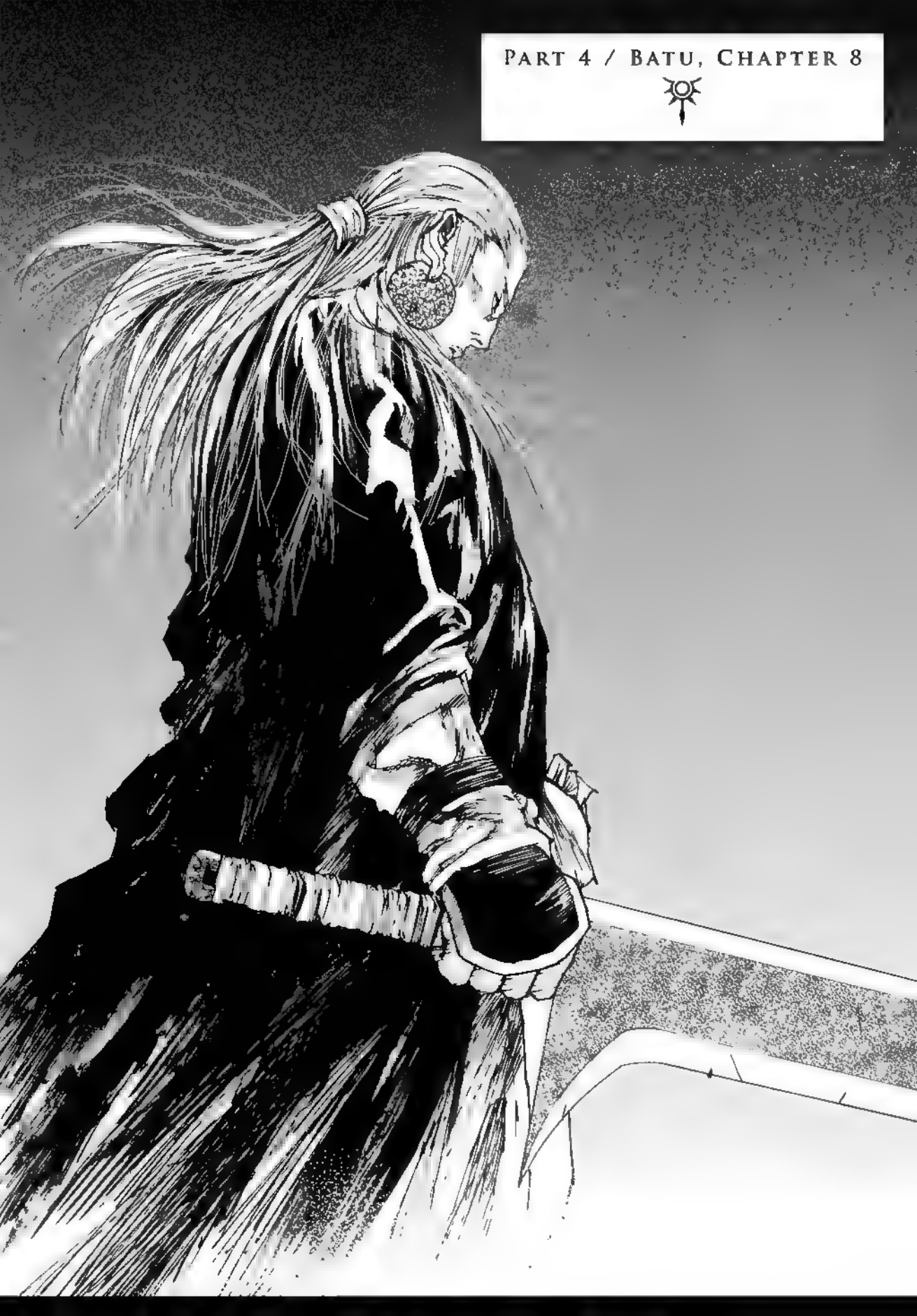

THMP
HRRRGH!
SHKK
TMP
TMP
TMP
KMP
WMMP
SKRASH


INTRUDER! THE GENERAL'S UNDER ATTACK IN HIS QUARTERS!
BATU...?!
휙
TURN


FINISH


TOK
TK
TMP
TMP
TMP
탓 타 다 다 다




PART 4 / BATU, CHAPTER 8


HYAAH!
BAPP
HNGH!


SAY YOUR PRAYERS!
SHINING
174
GRAB
FAPP


광
WHUD
KICK
퍽
BASTARD!
TMP
파
THMP
박
HFF!
하아
HFF!
하아
AMUSING...


A BUTCHER TRYING TO AVENGE HIS MASTER... INSOLENT CUR.
OUTTA MY WAY. IT'LL BE YOUR TURN AFTER I KILL THE GENERAL.
HE MAY HAVE GIVEN THE ORDER, BUT *I'M* THE ONE WHO *SLIT YARONG'S THROAT.*
IF YOU REALLY WANT TO AVENGE YOUR MASTER, YOU'LL HAVE TO KILL ME.


COME, SEE WHAT YOUR FOOLISH QUEST FOR VENGENCE WILL COST YOU.


I'LL SHOW YOU VENGENCE!
TMD
VWOOSH
CHKOOM
SNFF
GRAAH!

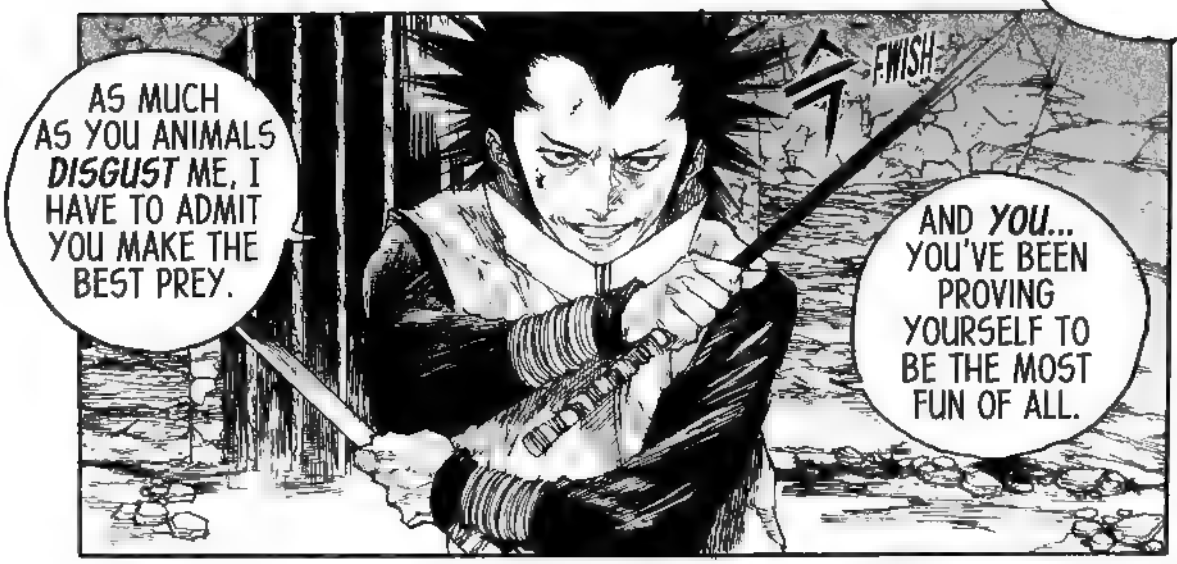

KRANNG
EYAAH!!


촤
SKKTCH
CHFF
악


챙
CHENNG
YOU DON'T KNOW WHEN TO QUIT!


KHEH HEH HEH!


SOME-
THING
FUNNY?
I'VE
BEEN *BORED*
SENSELESS
SINCE THE
SHAMAN
HUNTS ENDED...
YOU
REALLY
RELISH IT,
DON'T YOU?
KILLING US?
HEY,
EVERYONE
NEEDS A
HOBBY.


AS MUCH
AS YOU ANIMALS
DISGUST ME, I
HAVE TO ADMIT
YOU MAKE THE
BEST PREY.
F-WISH
AND *YOU*...
YOU'VE BEEN
PROVING
YOURSELF TO
BE THE MOST
FUN OF ALL.


YOU'RE
SICK...


SHK
FWSH
IS THERE A BETTER REASON TO KILL SOMEONE THAN FOR FUN?
KTINNK
TIP
TMP
CHINNG


CHING
FTCH!
THWAP
CHF
CHHH
HYAAH!
CHING


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KRANNG
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SPLOOSH

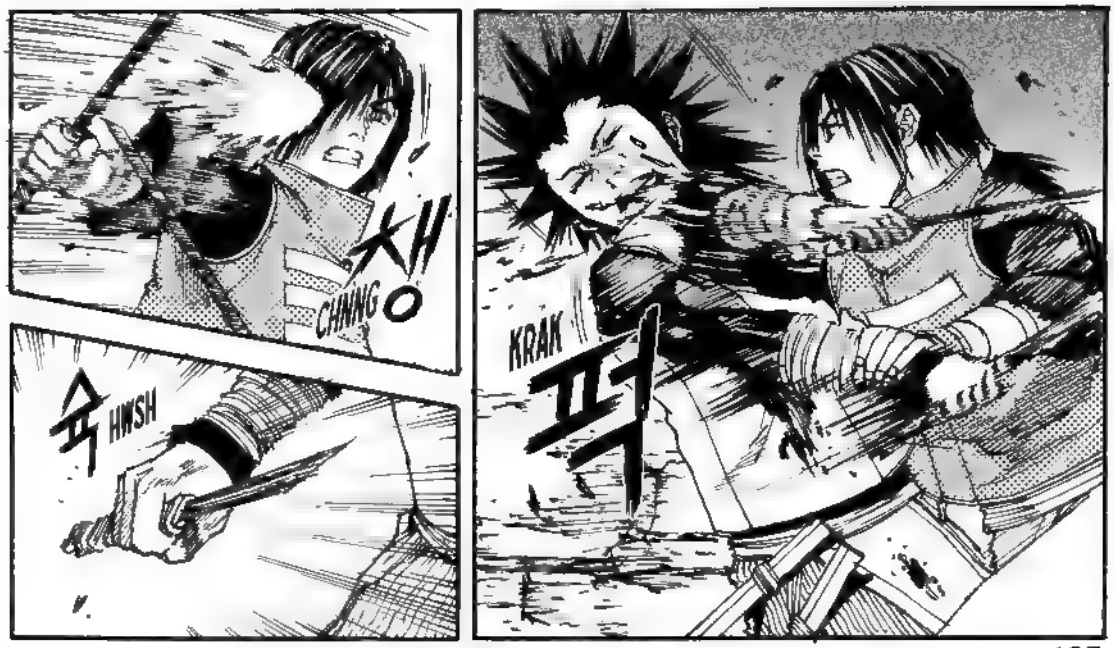

챠
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ME AND YOU?


WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MY EYES AND YOURS?
KEE HEE!
YEAH, THAT'S IT! THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO SEE!
카 THING
각 KTHING
CHANG
촤 SPOOSH
184
악 STCH


SPLSH
SPLSH
WOOSH
SHOO
CHANG

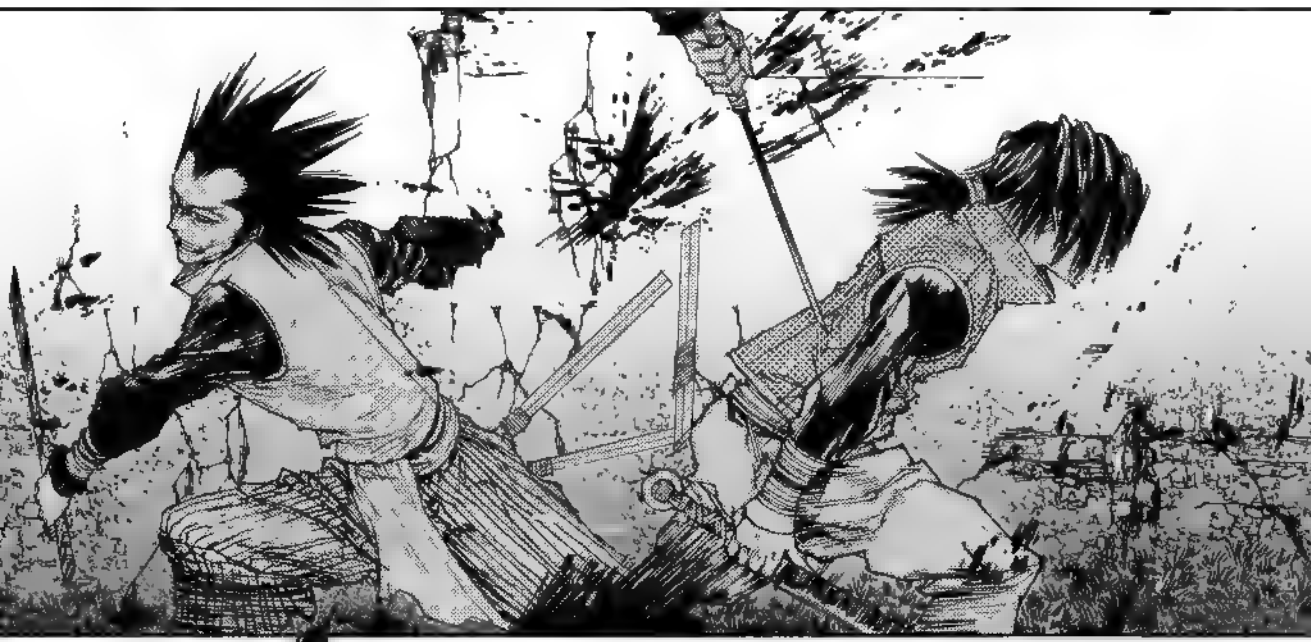

SHHHHAAA


SKTTCH
YOU LITTLE...
I WON'T DIE SO EASILY!


CHANG
HWSH
KRAK


PAPP

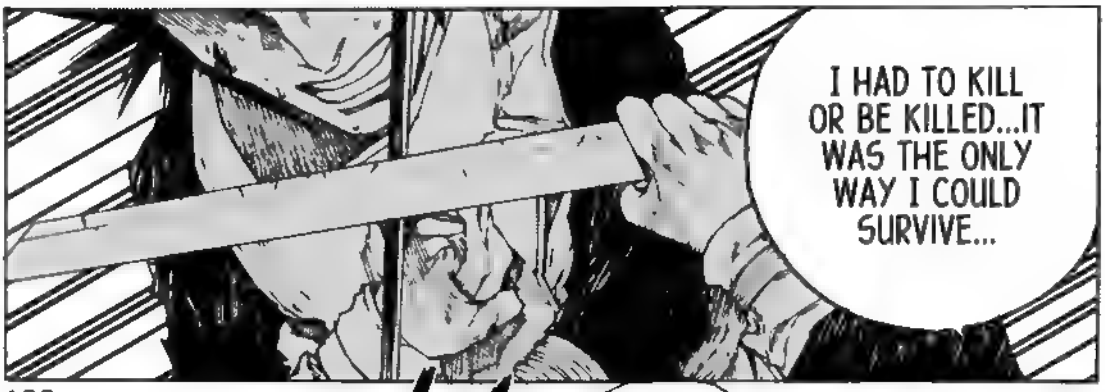

SPSH
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닷
휙
HWOO
DIE!
쏴
SLICE
악



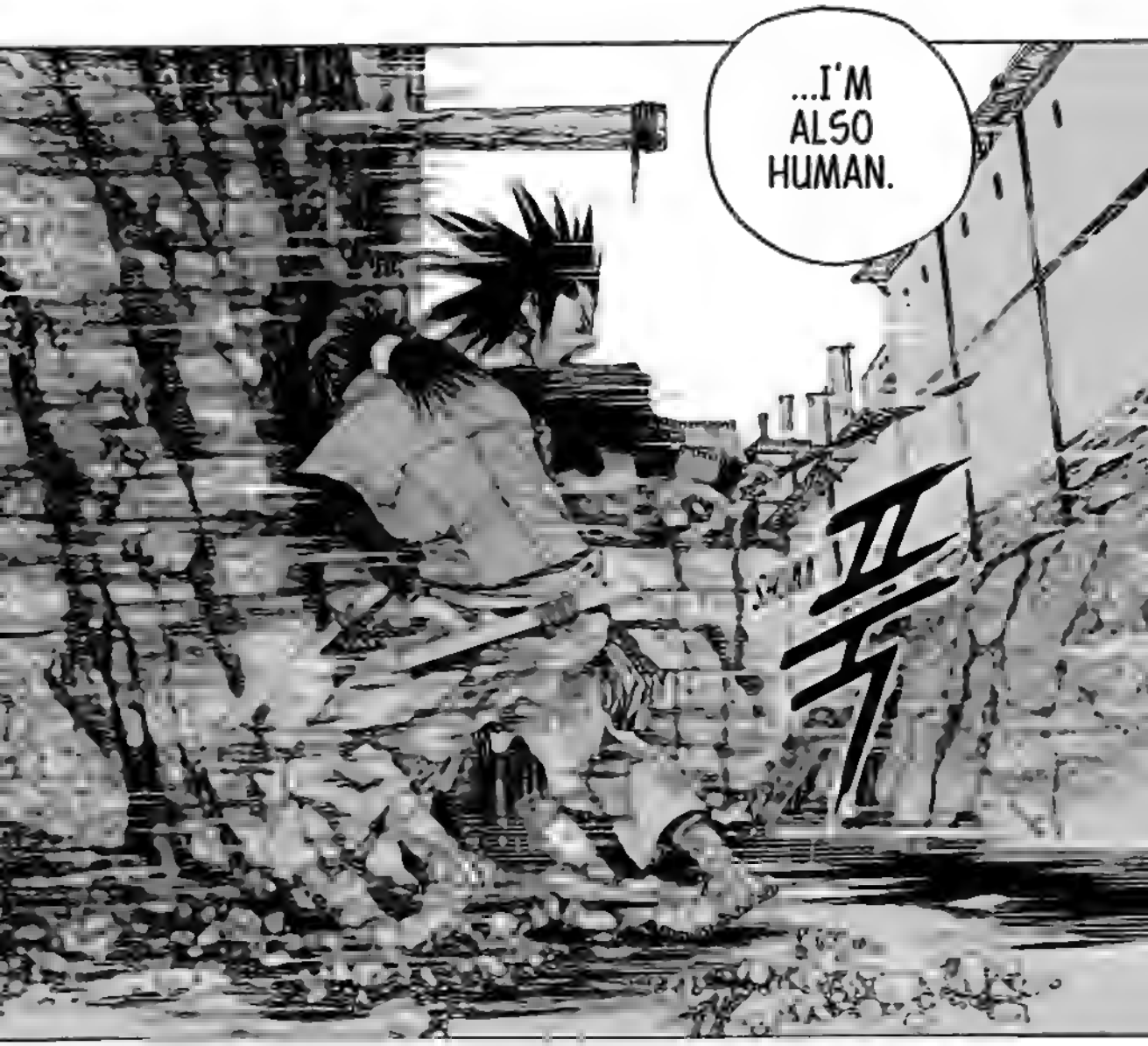



EEYAA! MY ARM!
MY FATHER MURDERED... MY BROTHERS SLAUGHTERED BEFORE MY EYES DURING A "SHAMAN HUNT"...
...SINCE THEN...I'VE FELT LIKE A *LIVING GHOST.*
SHIFF
YOU DON'T SCARE ME!


턱
THNKK


I HAD TO KILL OR BE KILLED...IT WAS THE ONLY WAY I COULD SURVIVE...


카가각
SKKRRCH
챙
KTINNG
YES, MY *EYE* IS DIFFERENT FROM YOURS...
...BUT I NEVER ENJOYED IT LIKE *YOU* DO.
...BUT NEVER FORGET...


...I'M ALSO HUMAN.



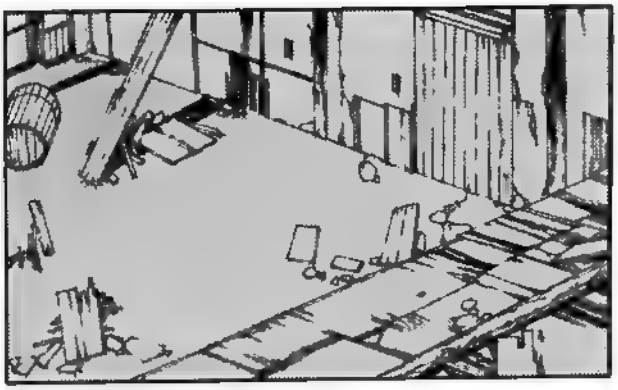

하아
HUFF!
HOW...
YOU...
하아
HUFF!
TNK
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...I'M...
스
SHFFF
르
륵
FWMP
털썩

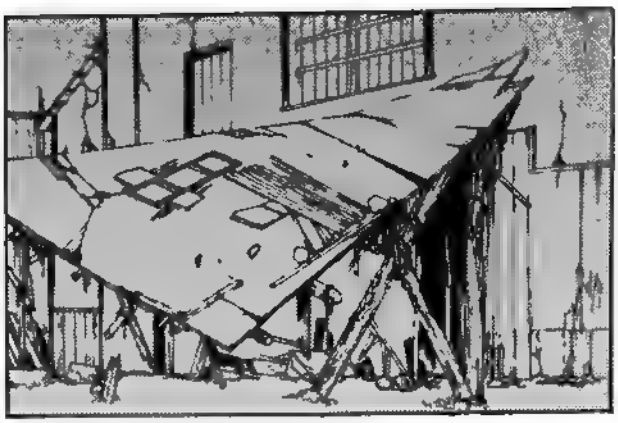



I HOPE THINGS ARE OKAY IN KUGAI... PLEASE HURRY, COMMANDER!


IT'S OVER...








후우
HFF!
후우
HFF!
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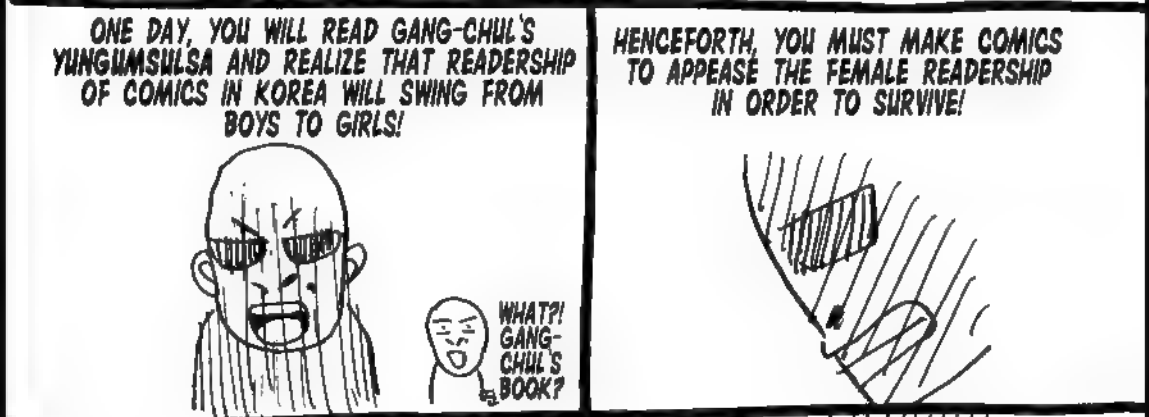
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MORE POPULAR THAN SHAMAN WARRIOR

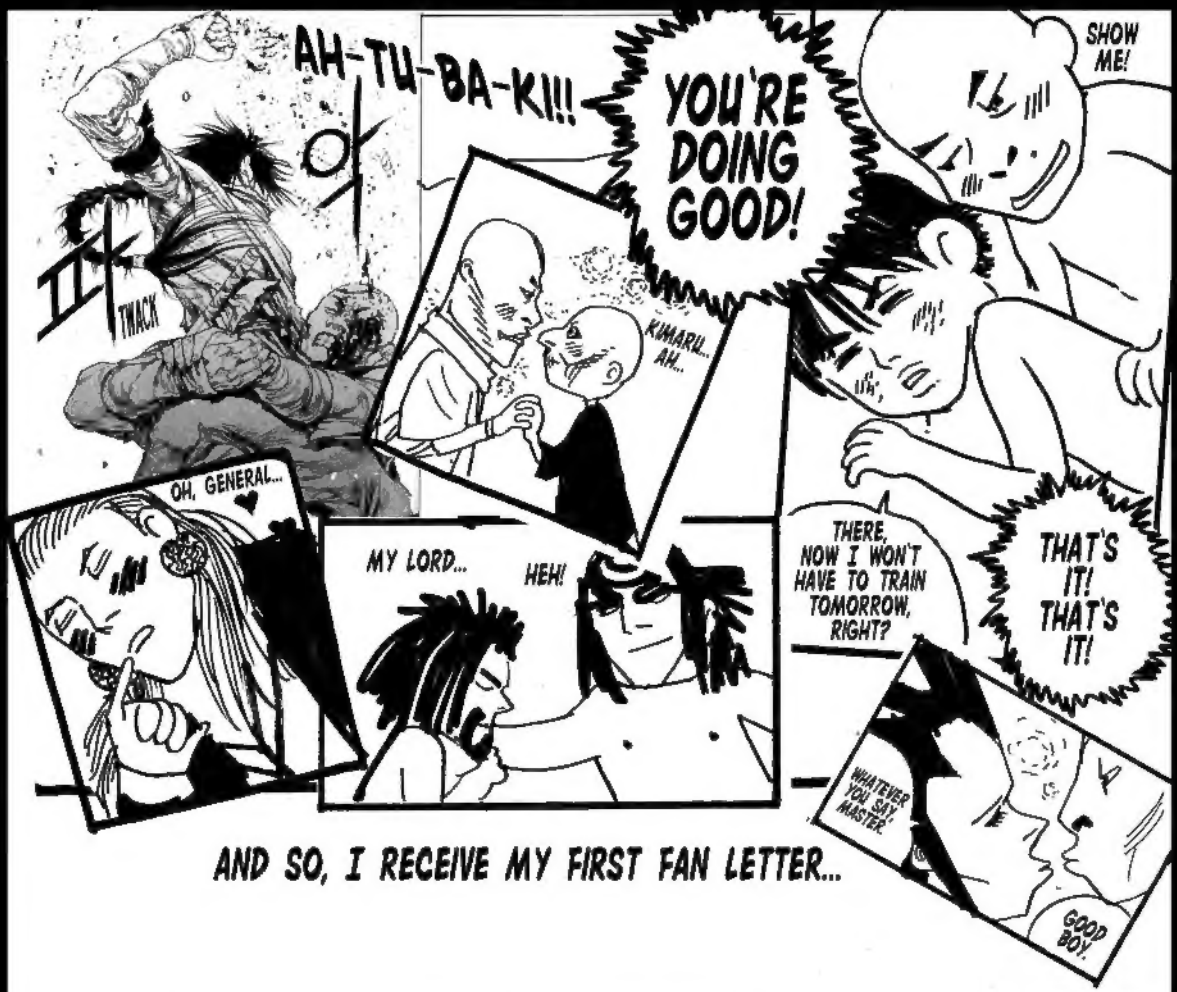
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ONE DAY, YOU WILL READ GANG-CHUL'S YUNGUMSULSA AND REALIZE THAT READERSHIP OF COMICS IN KOREA WILL SWING FROM BOYS TO GIRLS!
WHAT?! GANG-CHUL'S BOOK?
HENCEFORTH, YOU MUST MAKE COMICS TO APPEASE THE FEMALE READERSHIP IN ORDER TO SURVIVE!




NO...! I FEEL AS IF I'VE BEEN HIT OVER THE HEAD WITH A MALLET...
YOU REALLY WERE!
IT'S STILL NOT TOO LATE!
THE FUTURE CAN BE YOURS!
BUT YOU MUST START NOW!
I UNDER-STAND! LET'S GO!
ERK!
AH...
GRAAGH!
HOO.
OH...BATU...
LET THE THIRTY-THOUSAND VOLUME ADVENTURE BEGIN!



AND SO, I RECEIVE MY FIRST FAN LETTER...


HEH HEH HEH! THIS YAOI STUFF IS COMING OUT GREAT! YES! IT'LL BE A HIT--FOR SURE.
SHKK
ASS
YOU ASSHOLE!
ALL THE MALE READERS HAVE ABANDONED ME!
BOY, I WISH I COULD DRAW LIKE THIS ALL THE TIME...

Author's Note

I feel like I've lost the strong momentum that I had at the beginning.
I don't know what's making me feel like this, but it's causing me a lot of stress in my work.
But I'm determined to be more comfortable and have more fun with this volume than
I did with book five. I'm going to hit this volume like I'm starting a new series.

—Park Joong-Ki





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